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SONIC THE HEDGEHOG'S BUDDY

TAILS

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SONIC

THE HEDGEHOG'S

FAVORITE
FOX, *TAILS*, IS HIP DEEP
IN HIS OWN ADVENTURE--
ALONG WITH A HIP GROUP
OF FREEDOM FIGHTERS
FROM *DOWNUNDA!*
CAN THEY STOP
ROBOTNIK'S NEW
HENCHMAN, *CROCBOT*?
READ ON...



TAILS TO ASTONISH

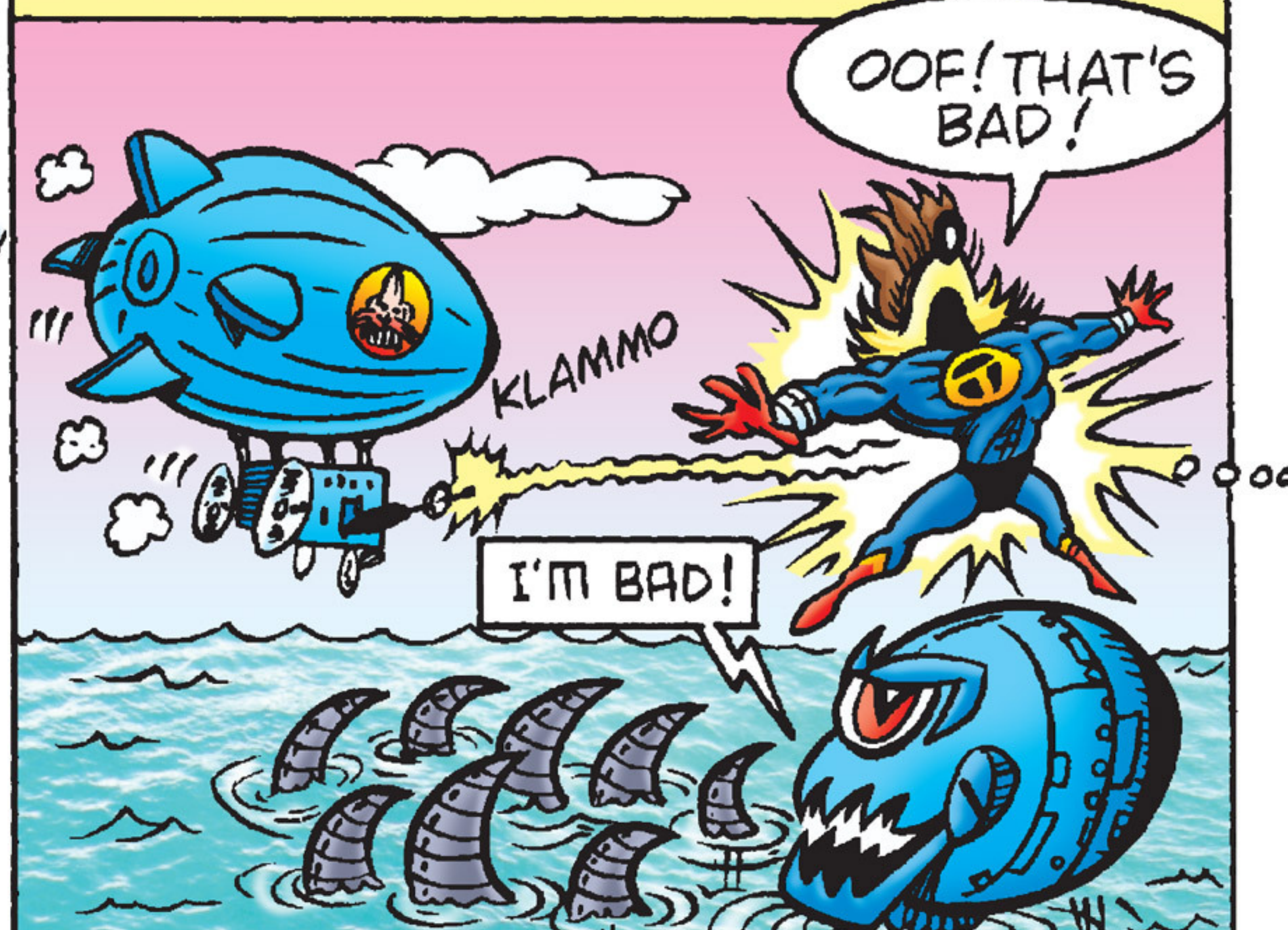
FEATURING CAPTAIN SUPER FOX-MAN
* THE MUTANT CYBORG CLONE

OUR HERO FOUND OUT THAT ROBOTNIK WAS ABOUT TO SUPPLY AN UNDERBOSS IN THE LAND OF DOWNUNDA!!! CAPT. SFXMCC* DECIDED TO PUT A STOP TO THIS NEFARIOUS PLAN!

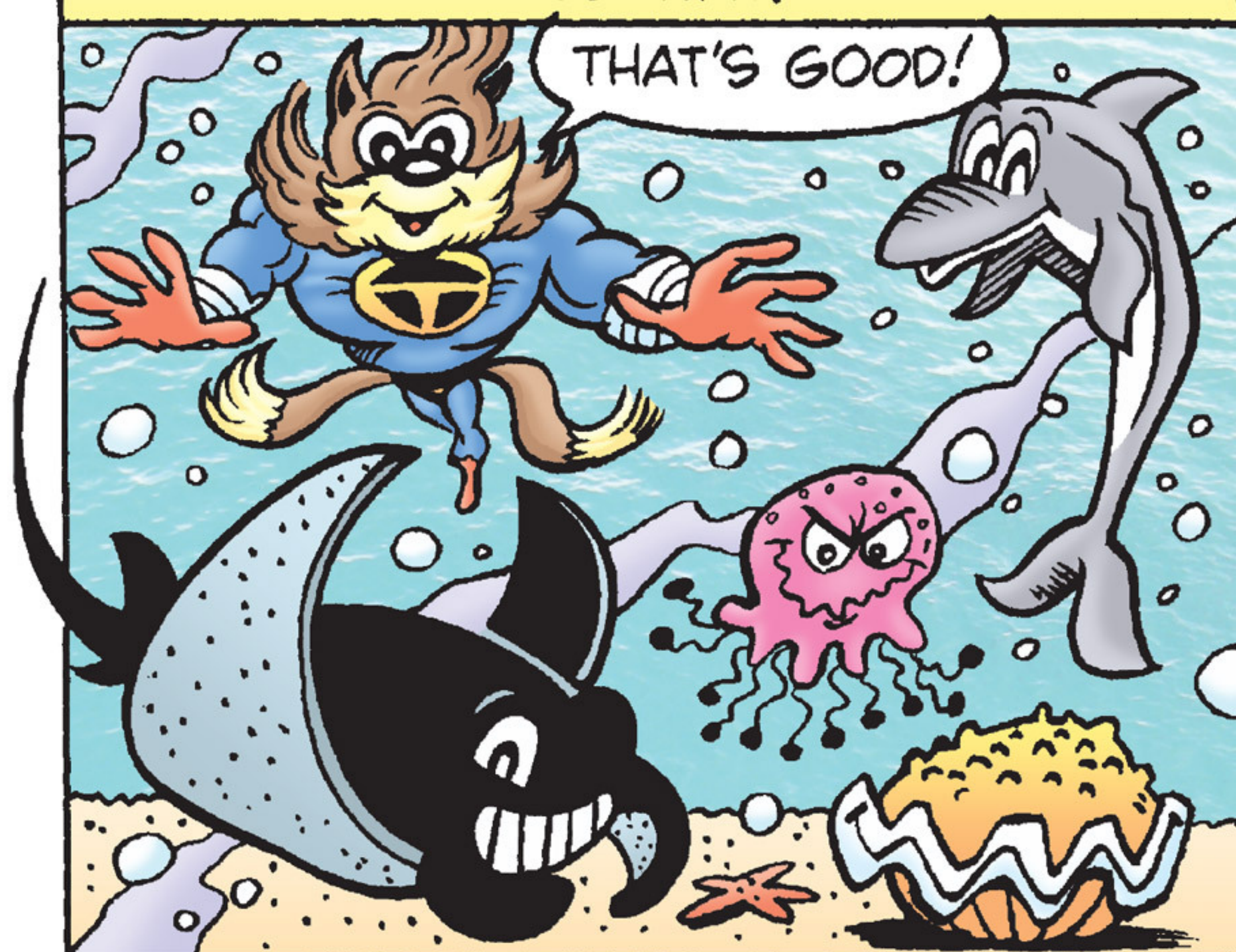


THAT'S GOOD!

BUT, HE WAS DISCOVERED BY SWAT-BOTS PILOTING THE SUPPLY BLIMP AND SHOT DOWN, INTO THE EIGHT WAITING ARMS OF OCTOBOT!

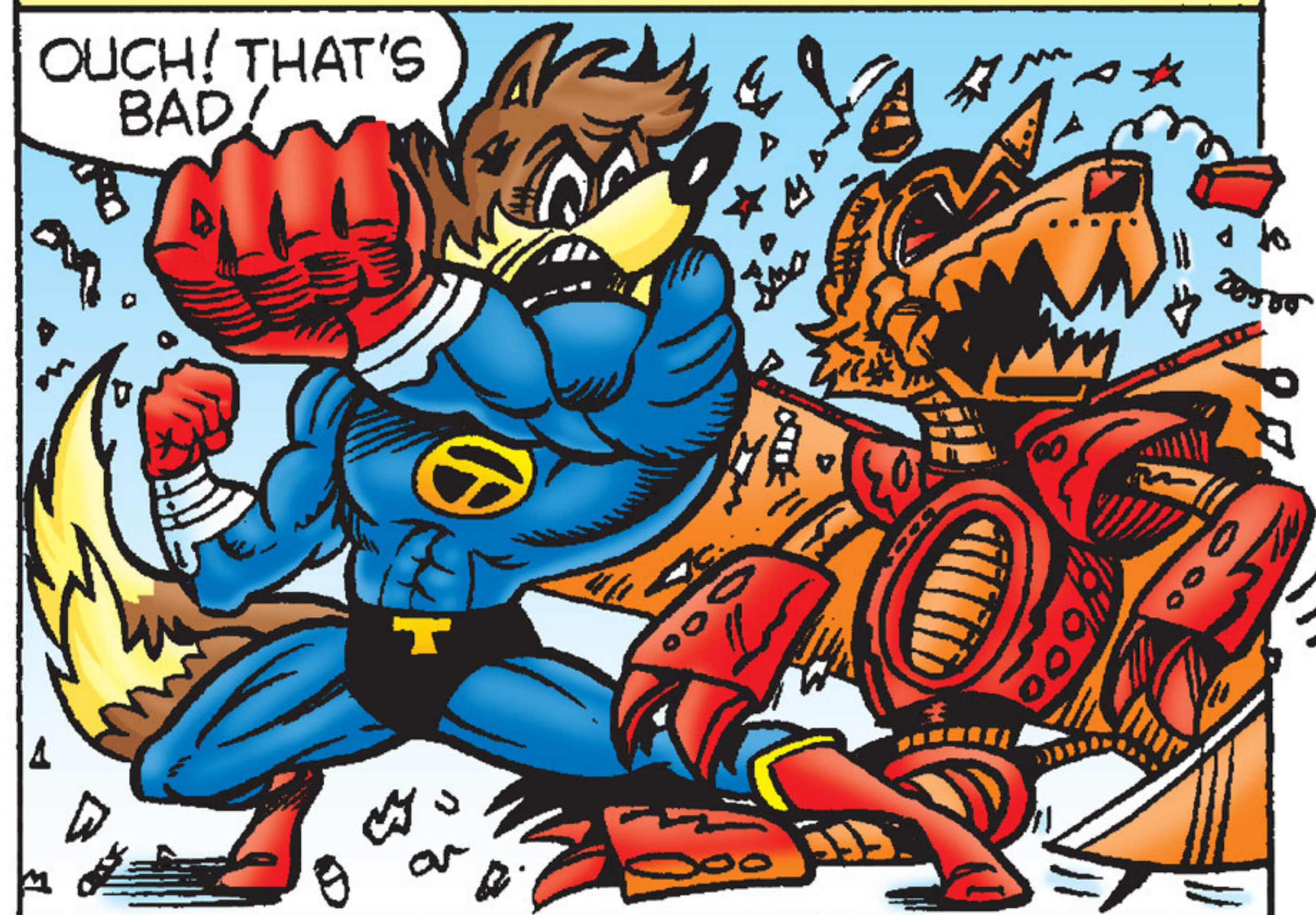


HOWEVER, BENEATH THE WAVES LIVE THE FORTY FATHOMS FREEDOM FIGHTERS WHO SAVED HIM!



THAT'S GOOD!

UPON ARRIVING IN DOWNUNDA, HE WAS SET UPON BY CROCBOT'S PACK OF FEROCIOUS MECHANICAL CANINES, THE WING-DINGOES!



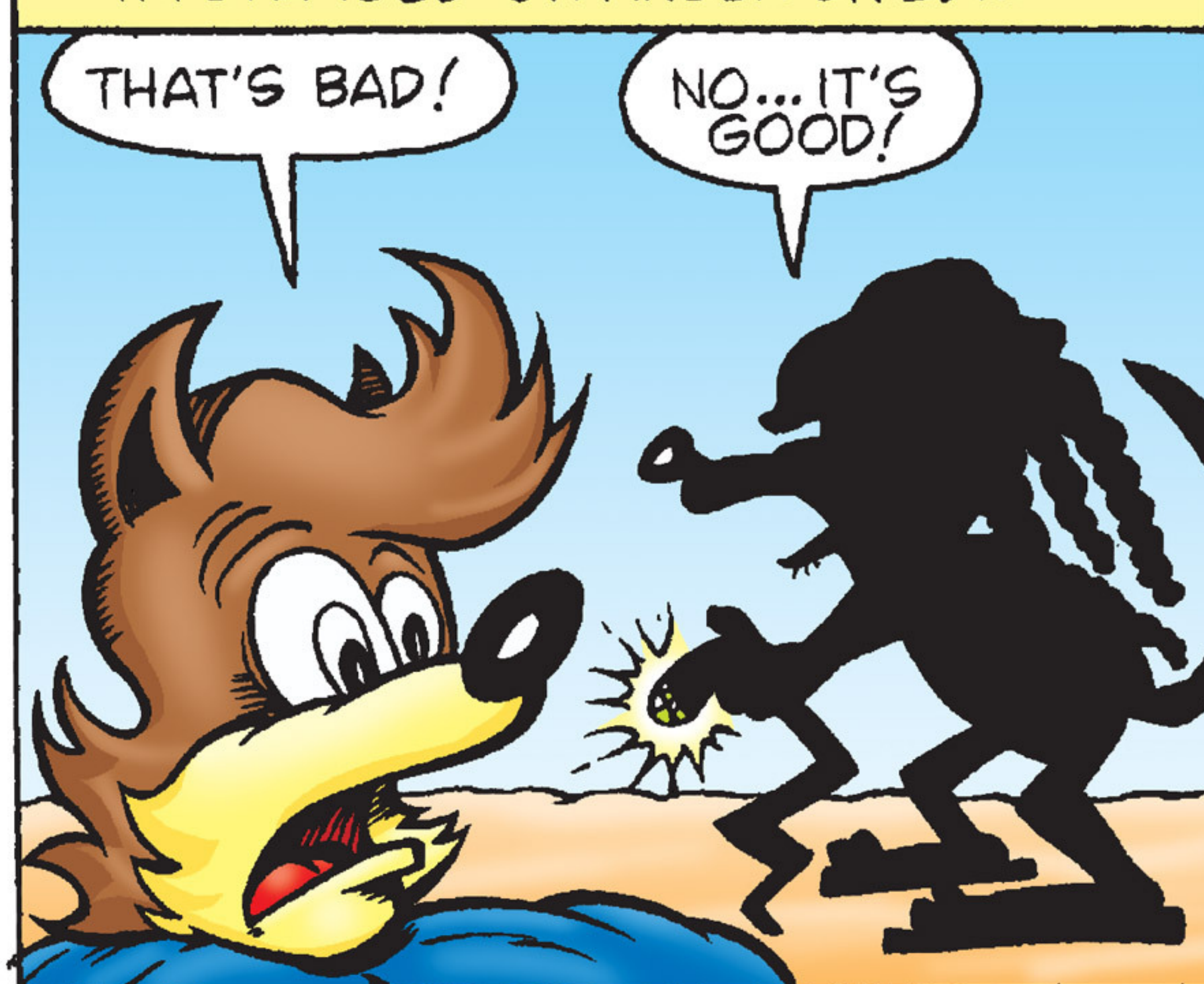
OUCH! THAT'S BAD!

JUST IN THE NICK OF TIME, HE WAS RESCUED BY ANOTHER BAND OF FREEDOM FIGHTERS LED BY LOCAL MARSUPIAL WALT WALLABEE!



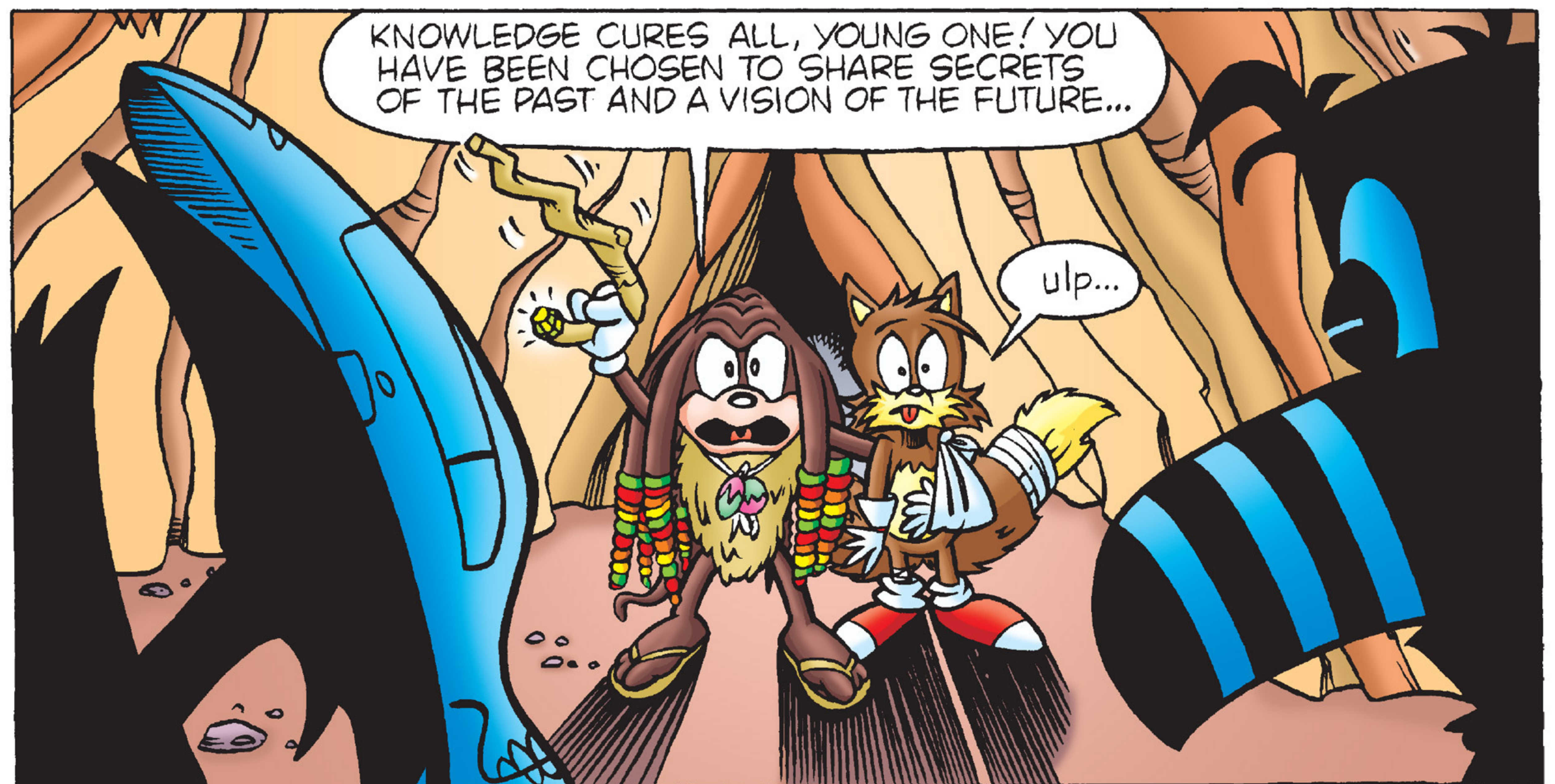
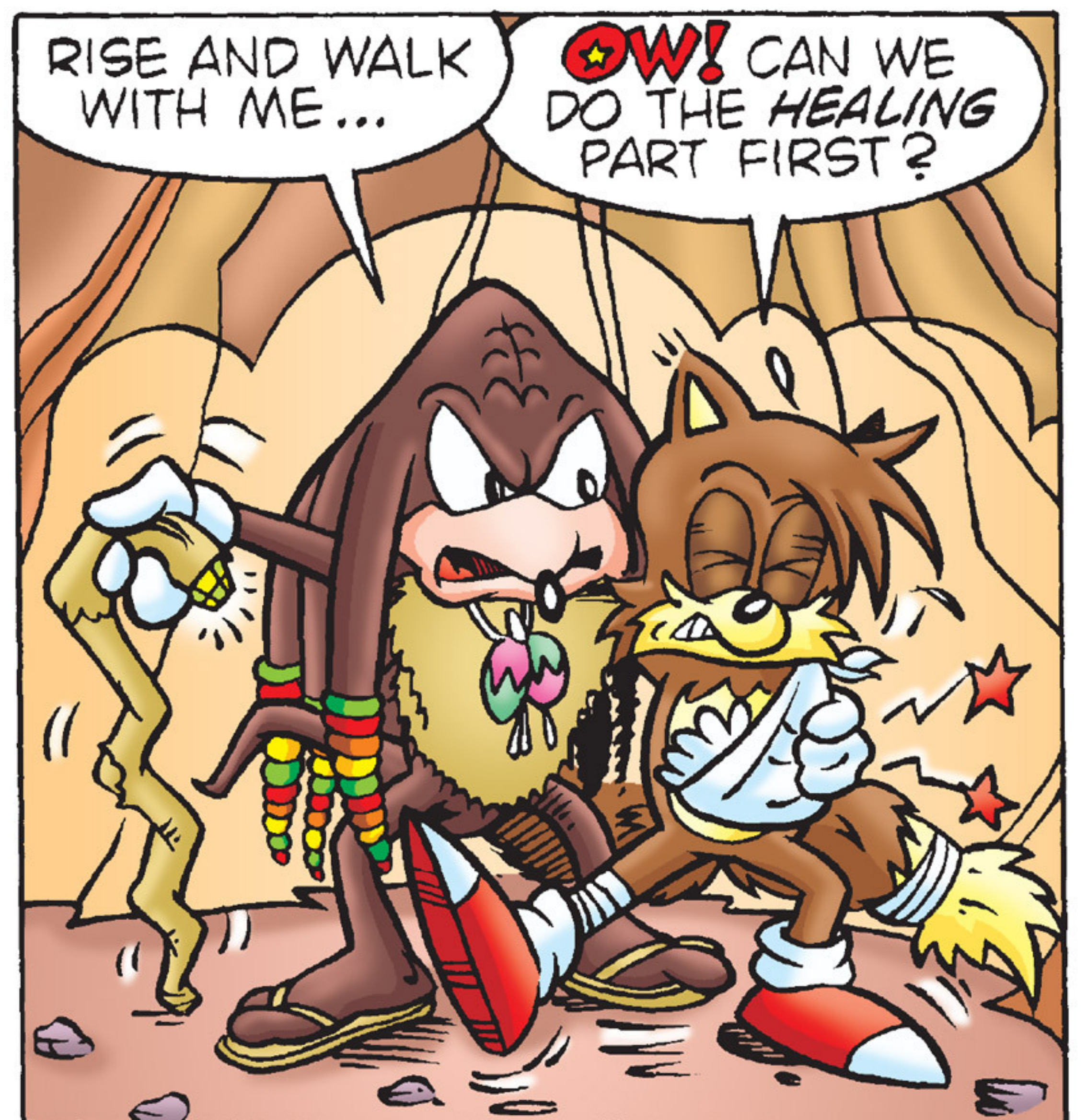
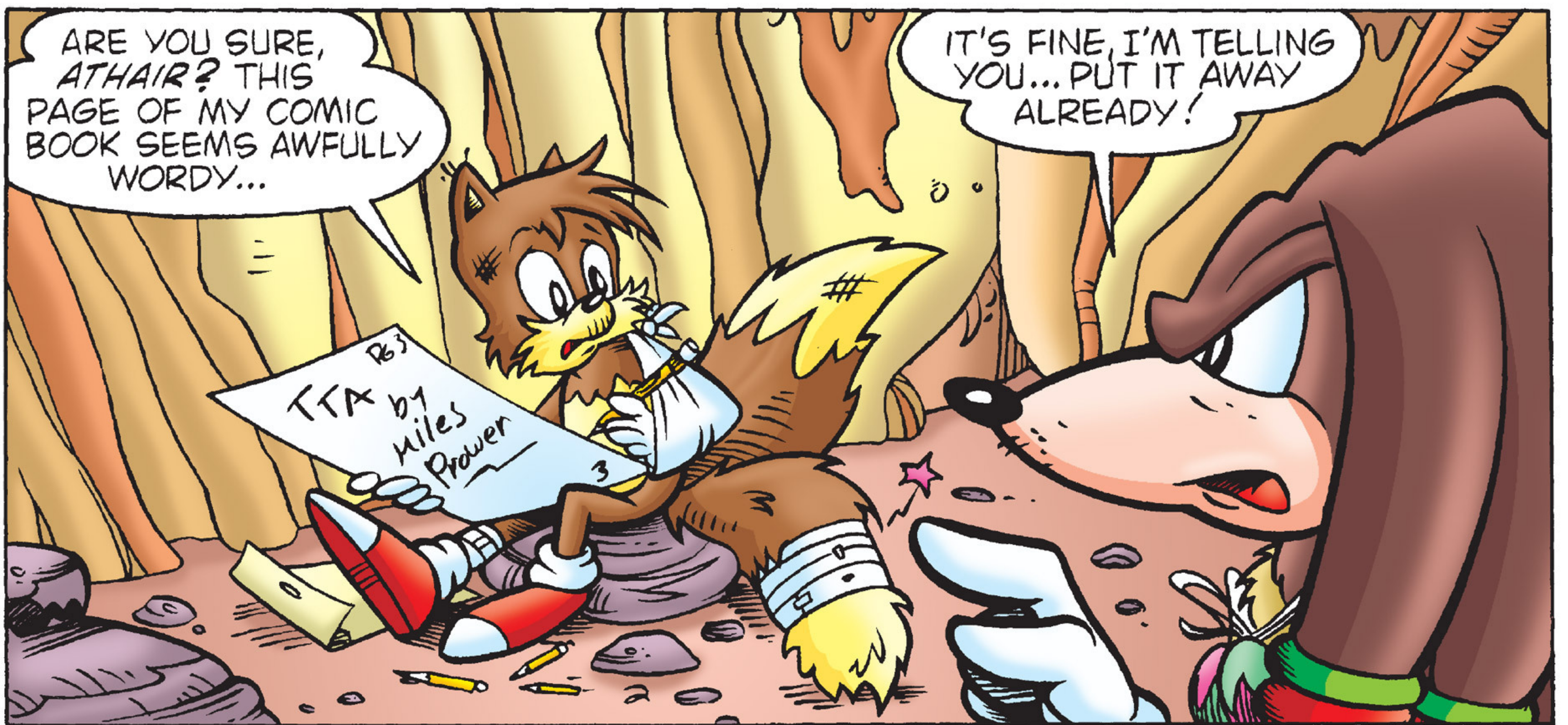
THAT'S GOOD!

BADLY BRUISED, HE WAS TAKEN TO A DEEP, DARK CRATER WHERE A MYSTERIOUS STRANGER LIVED...



THAT'S BAD!

NO... IT'S GOOD!



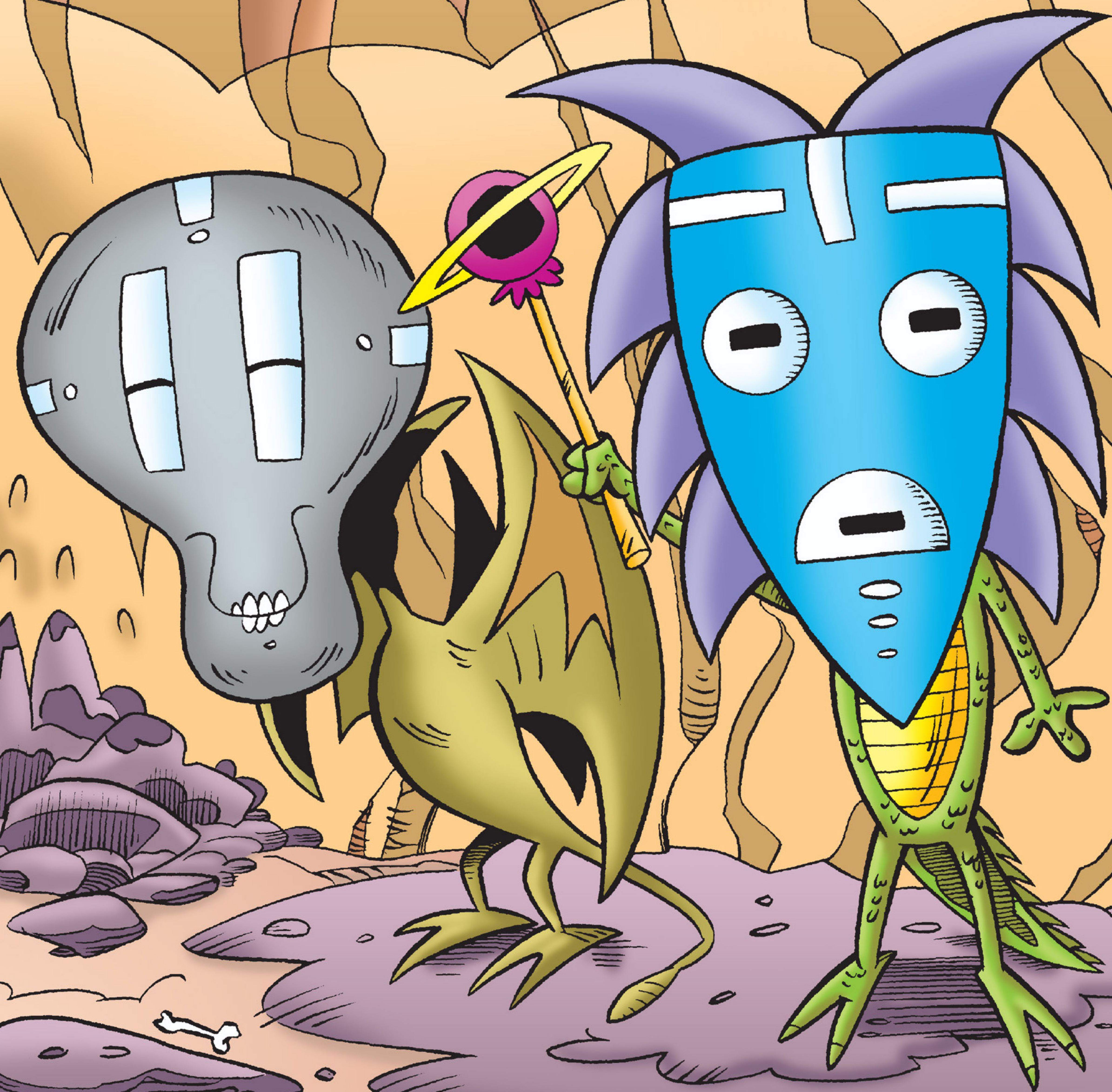
TAILS

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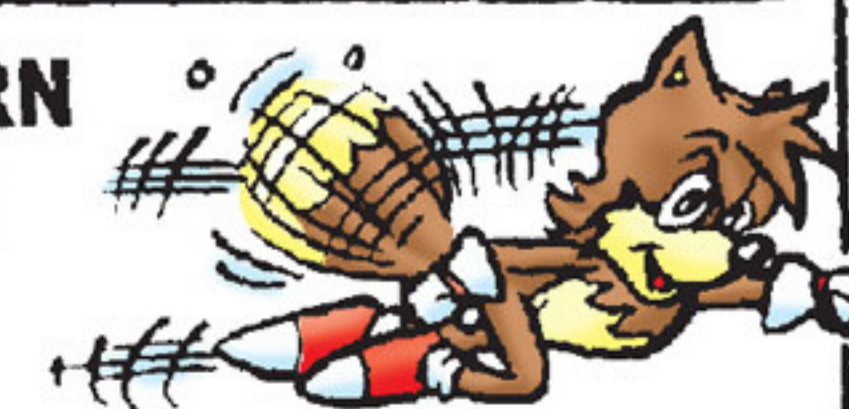
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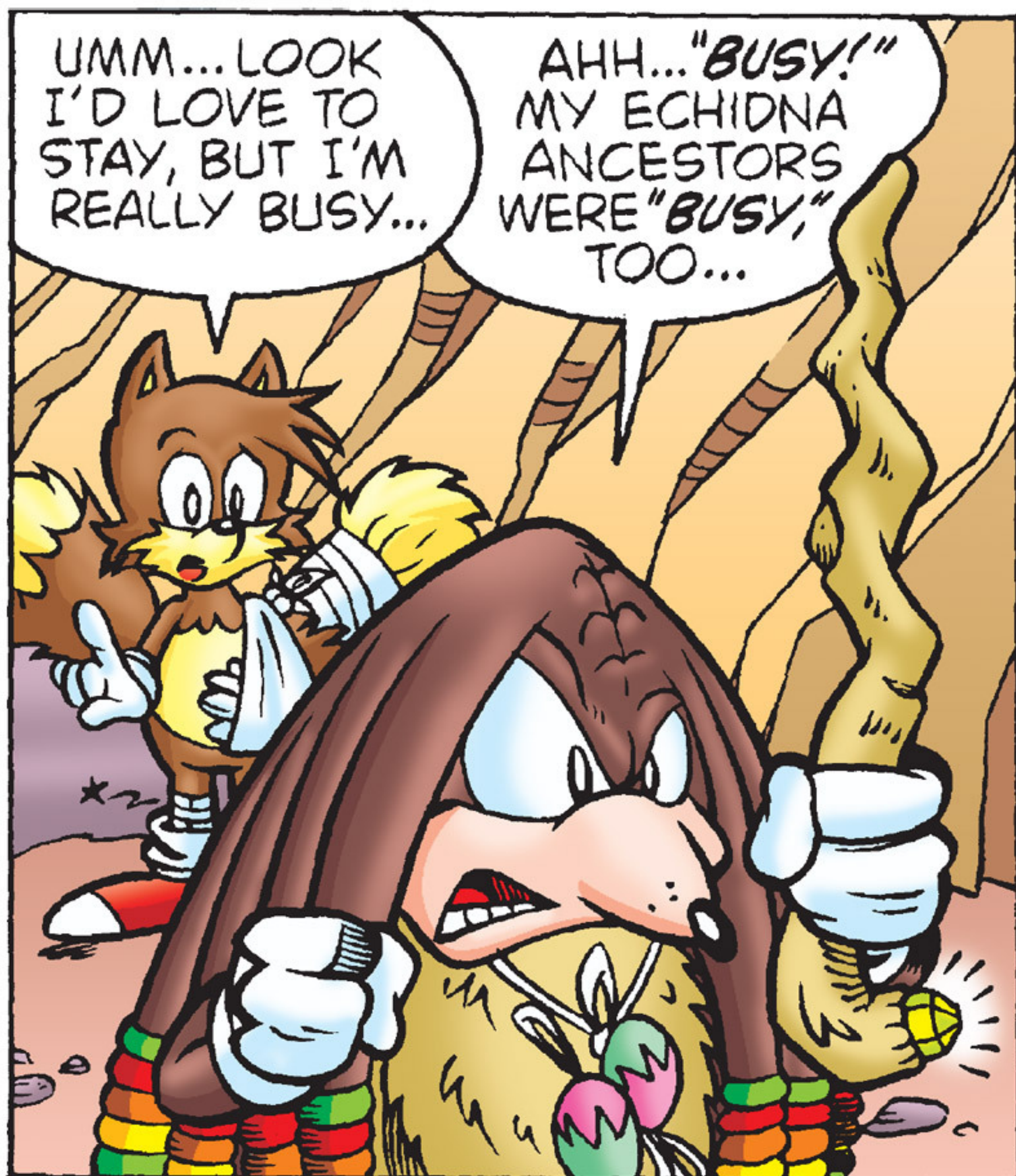
PART III

LISTEN WELL,
MY SON, AS THE
VOICES OF THE
ANCIENT WALKERS
ECHO ACROSS THE
CENTURIES!



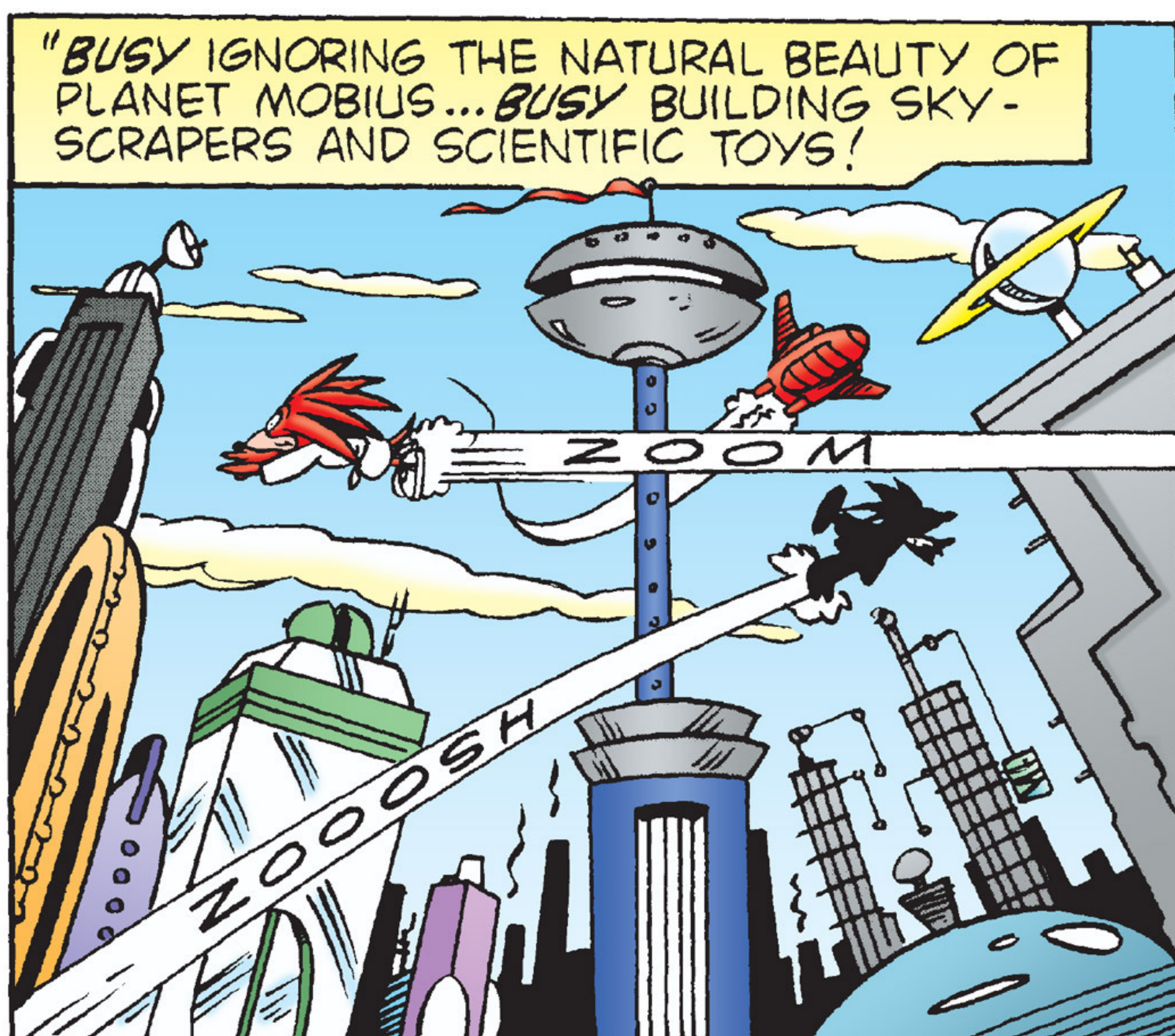
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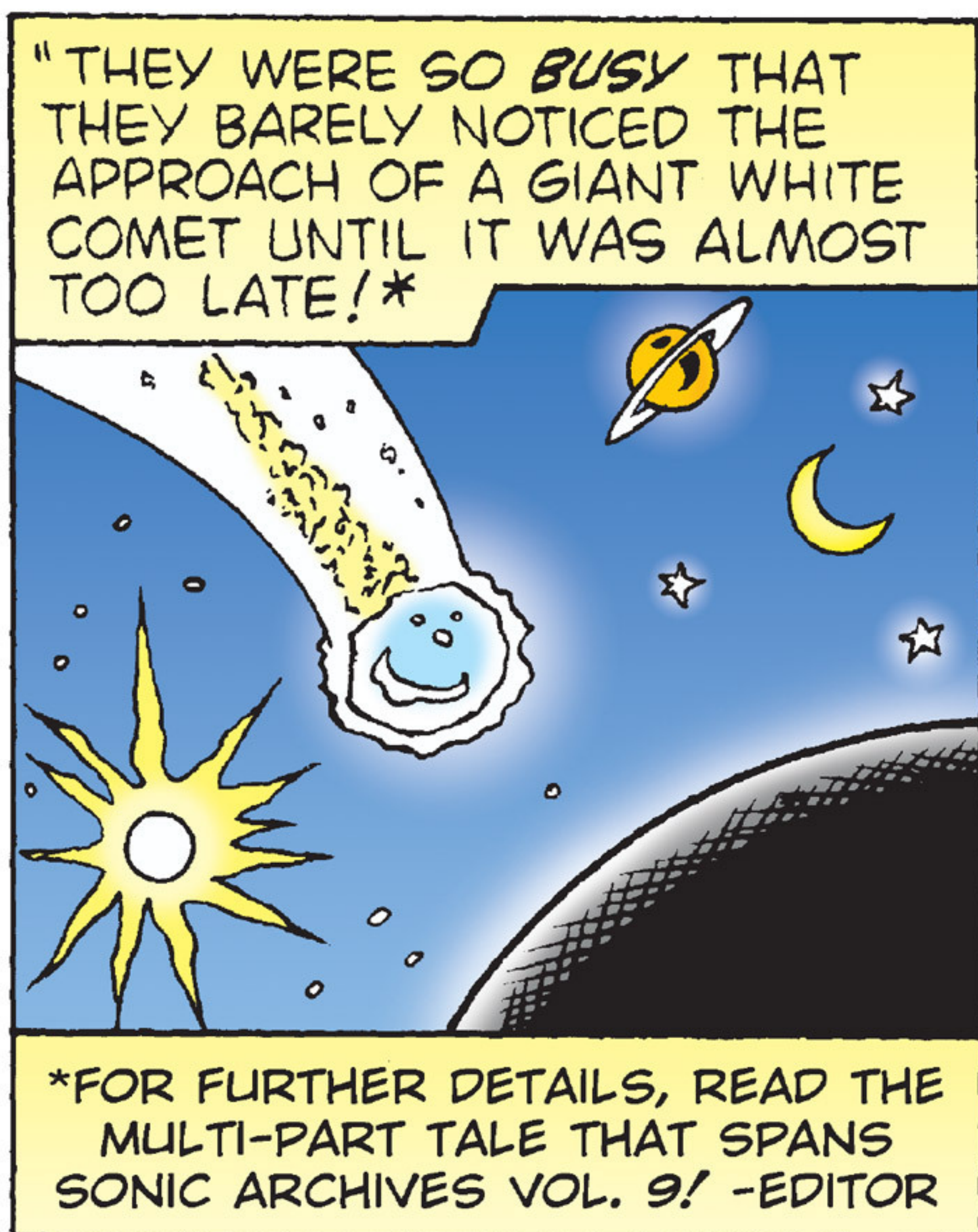


UMM...LOOK I'D LOVE TO STAY, BUT I'M REALLY BUSY...

AHH..."BUSY!" MY ECHIDNA ANCESTORS WERE "BUSY," TOO...

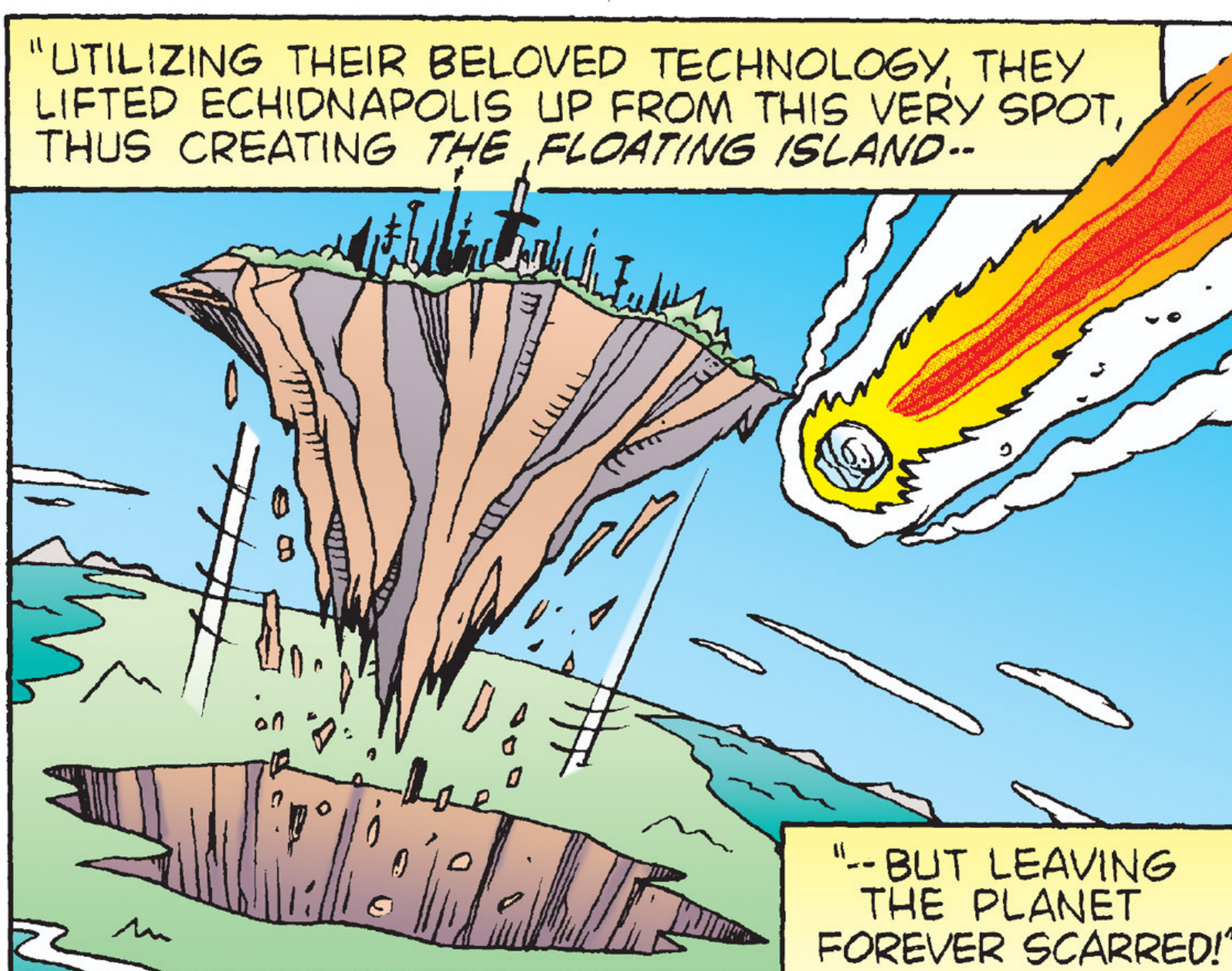


"BUSY IGNORING THE NATURAL BEAUTY OF PLANET MOBIUS...BUSY BUILDING SKY-SCRAPERS AND SCIENTIFIC TOYS!"



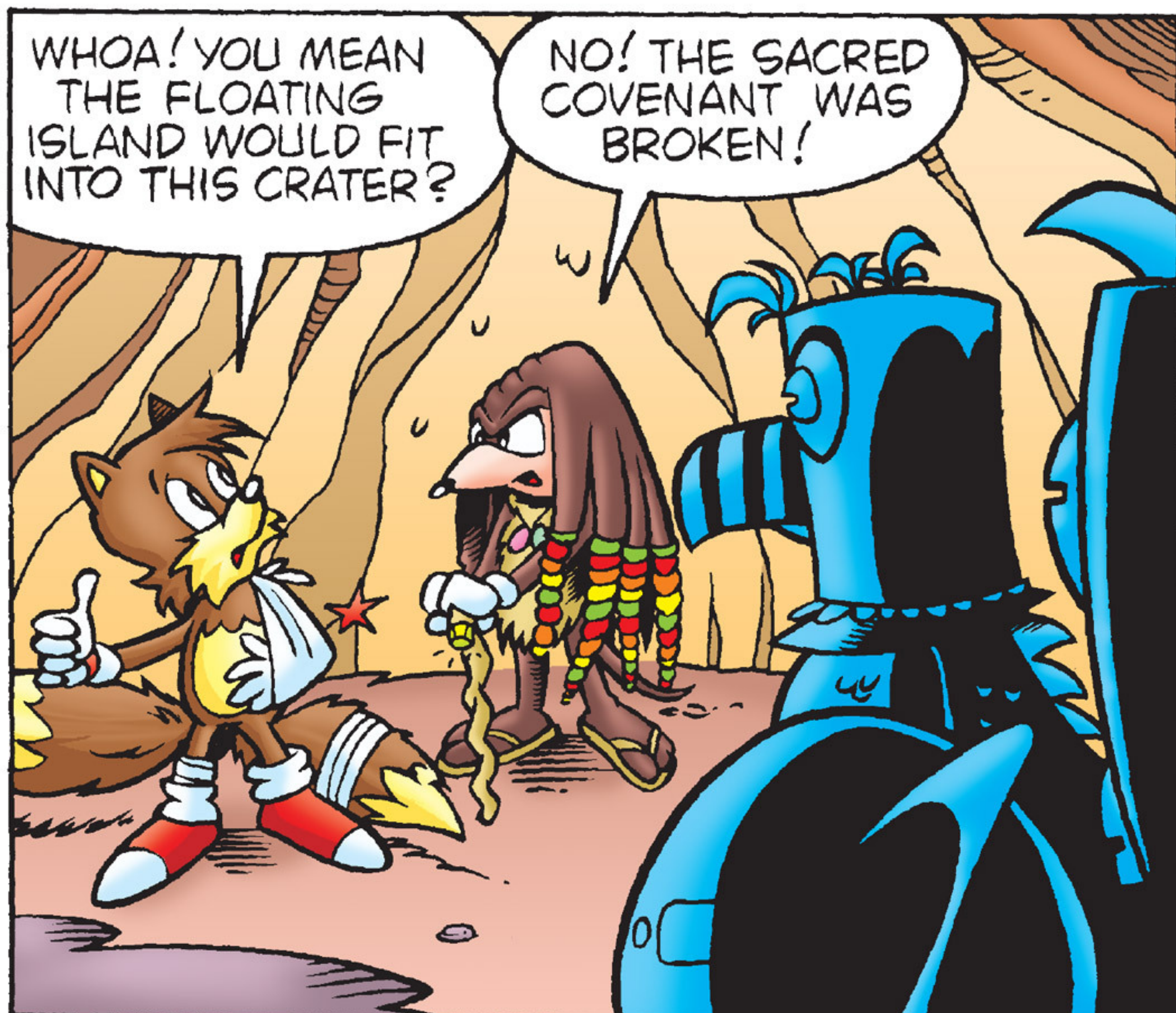
"THEY WERE SO *BUSY* THAT THEY BARELY NOTICED THE APPROACH OF A GIANT WHITE COMET UNTIL IT WAS ALMOST TOO LATE!*

*FOR FURTHER DETAILS, READ THE MULTI-PART TALE THAT SPANS SONIC ARCHIVES VOL. 9! -EDITOR



"UTILIZING THEIR BELOVED TECHNOLOGY, THEY LIFTED ECHIDNAPOLIS UP FROM THIS VERY SPOT, THUS CREATING THE FLOATING ISLAND--

-- BUT LEAVING THE PLANET FOREVER SCARRED!"



WHOA! YOU MEAN THE FLOATING ISLAND WOULD FIT INTO THIS CRATER?

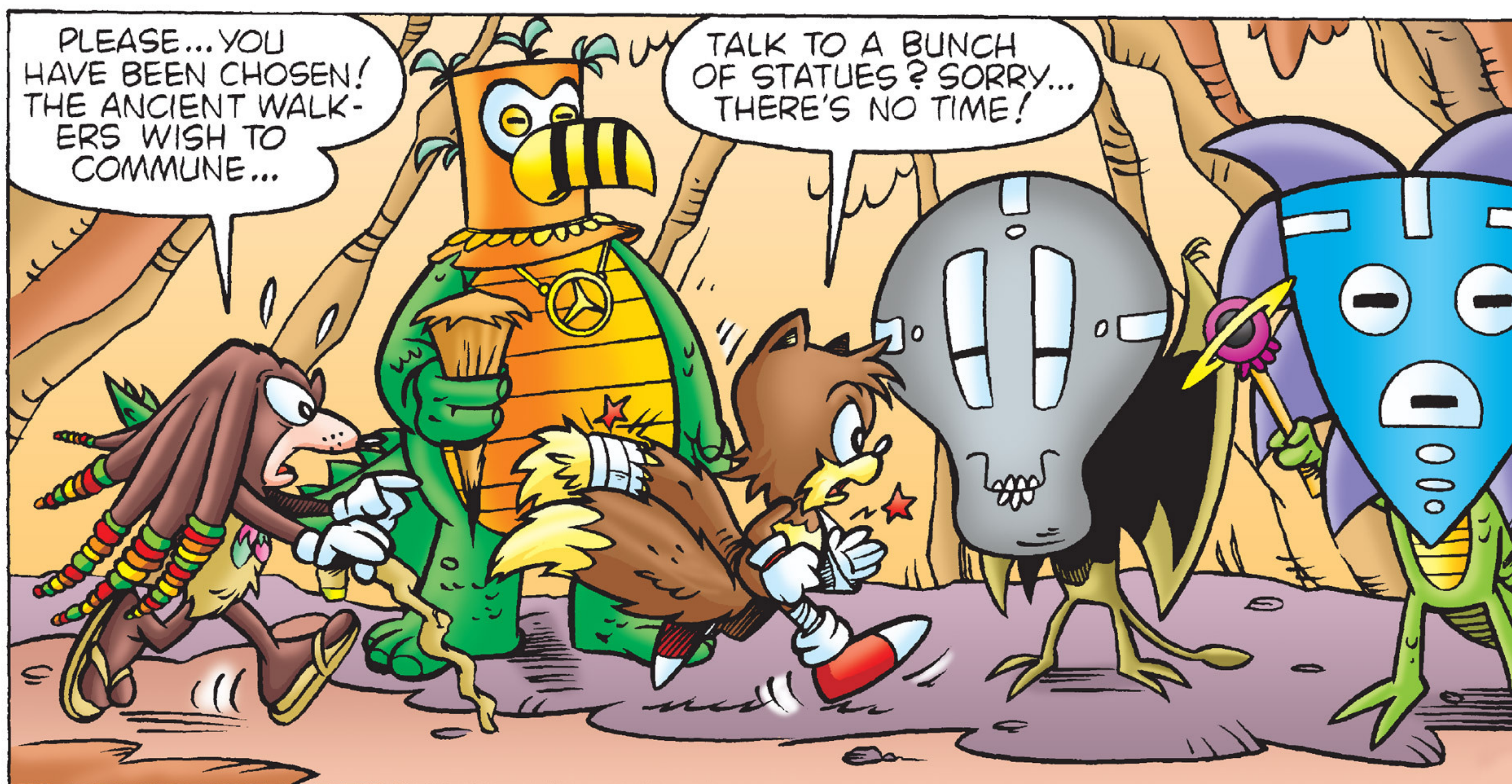
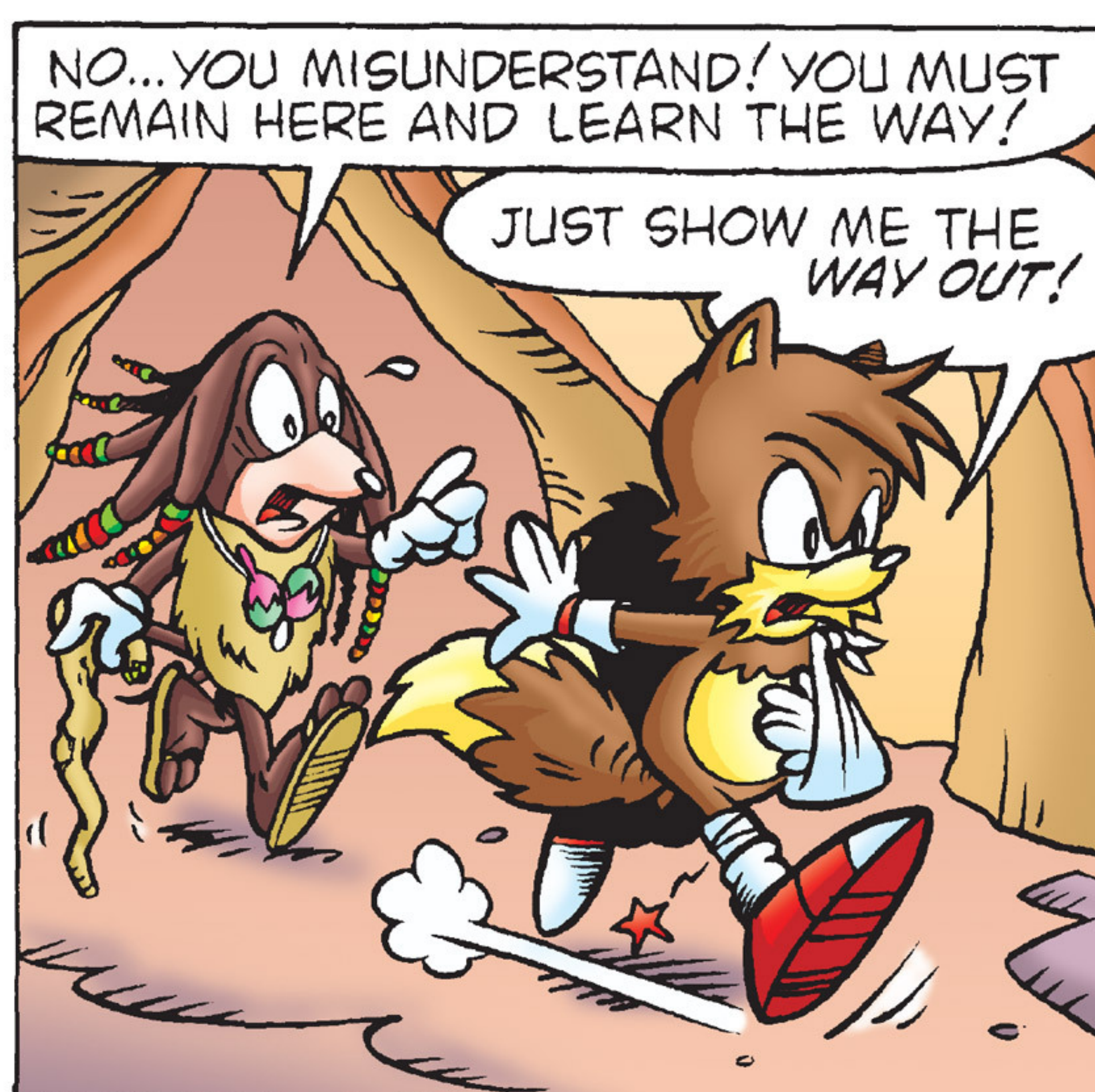
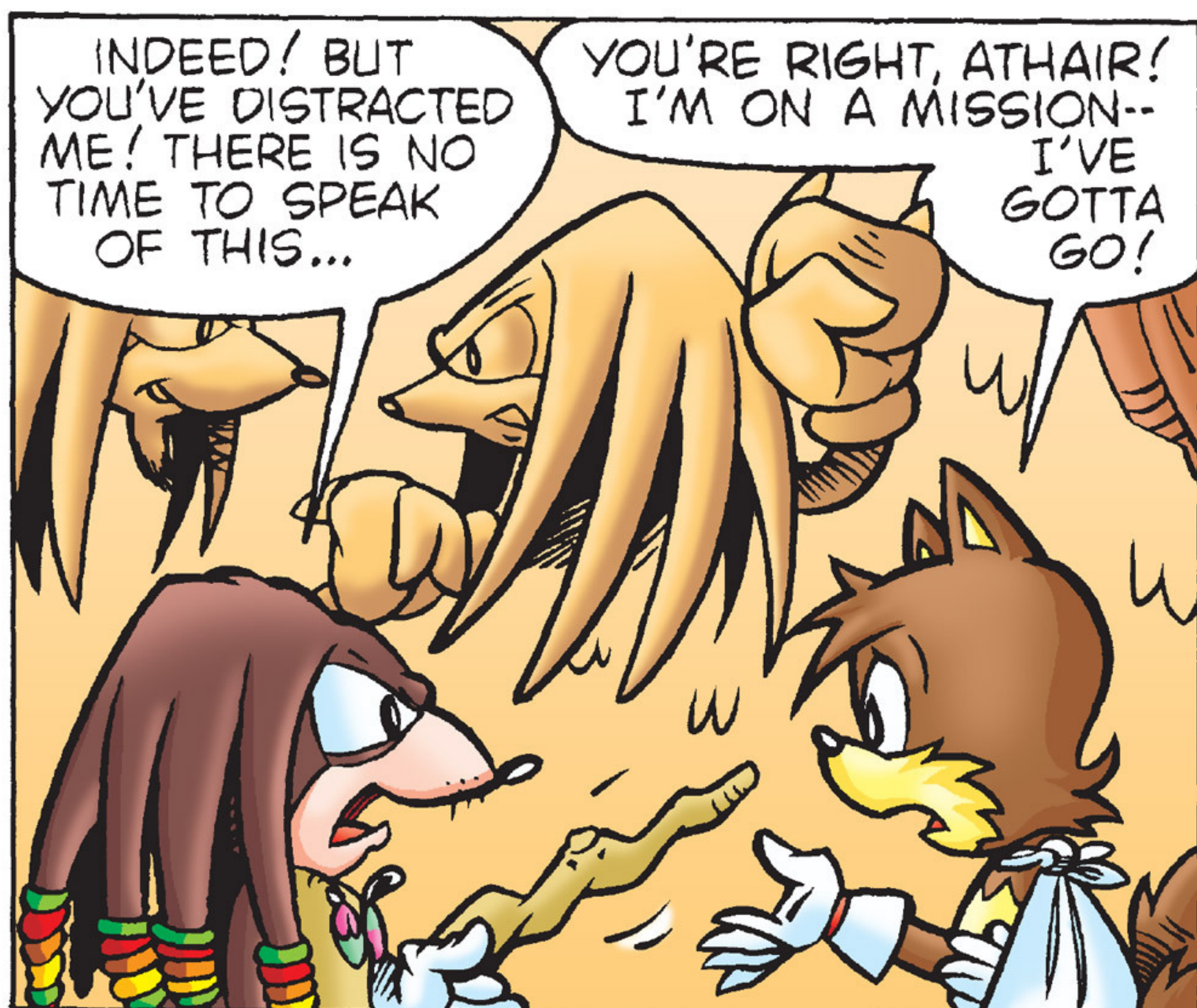
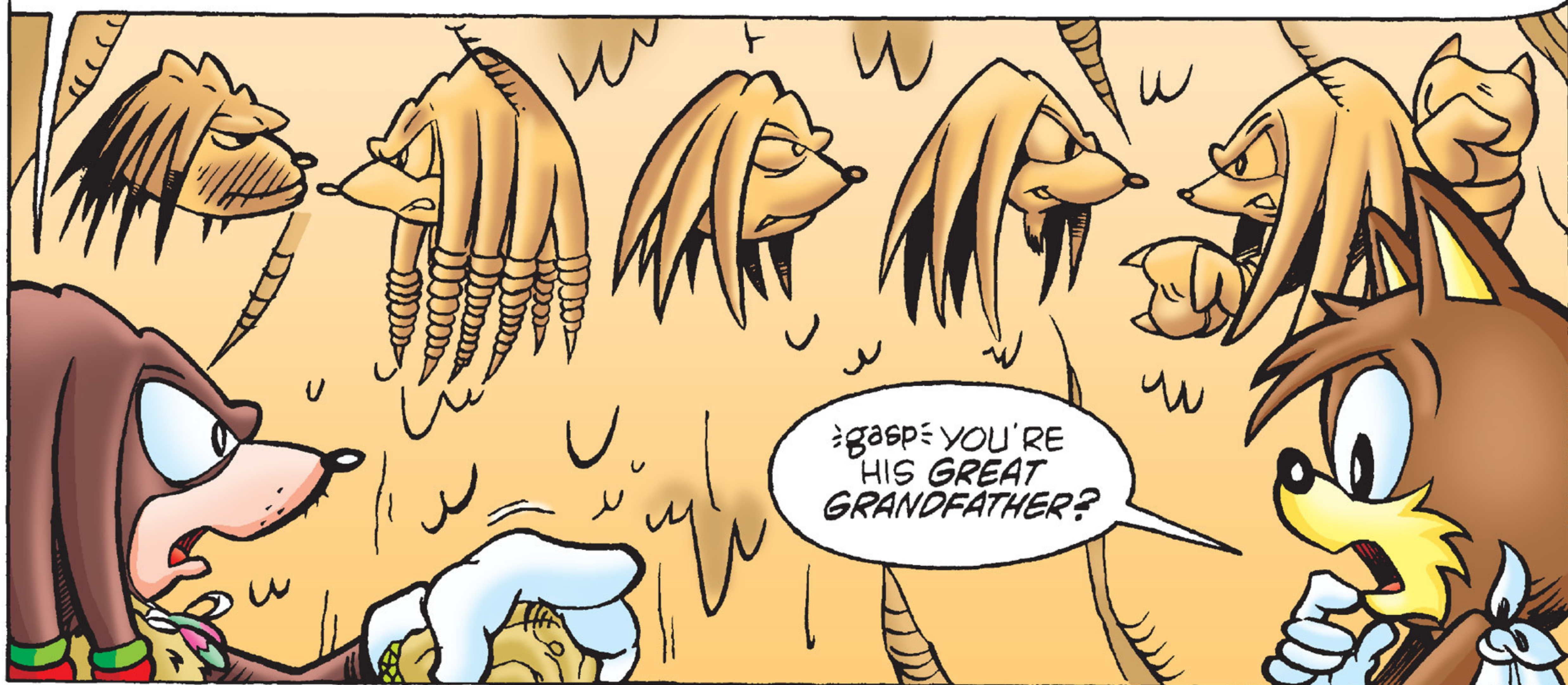
NO! THE SACRED COVENANT WAS BROKEN!



C'MON...DON'T TALK IN RIDDLES! MY FRIEND SONIC KNOWS *KNUCKLES*, THE GUARDIAN OF THE ISLAND!

~chuckle~ DOES HE?..

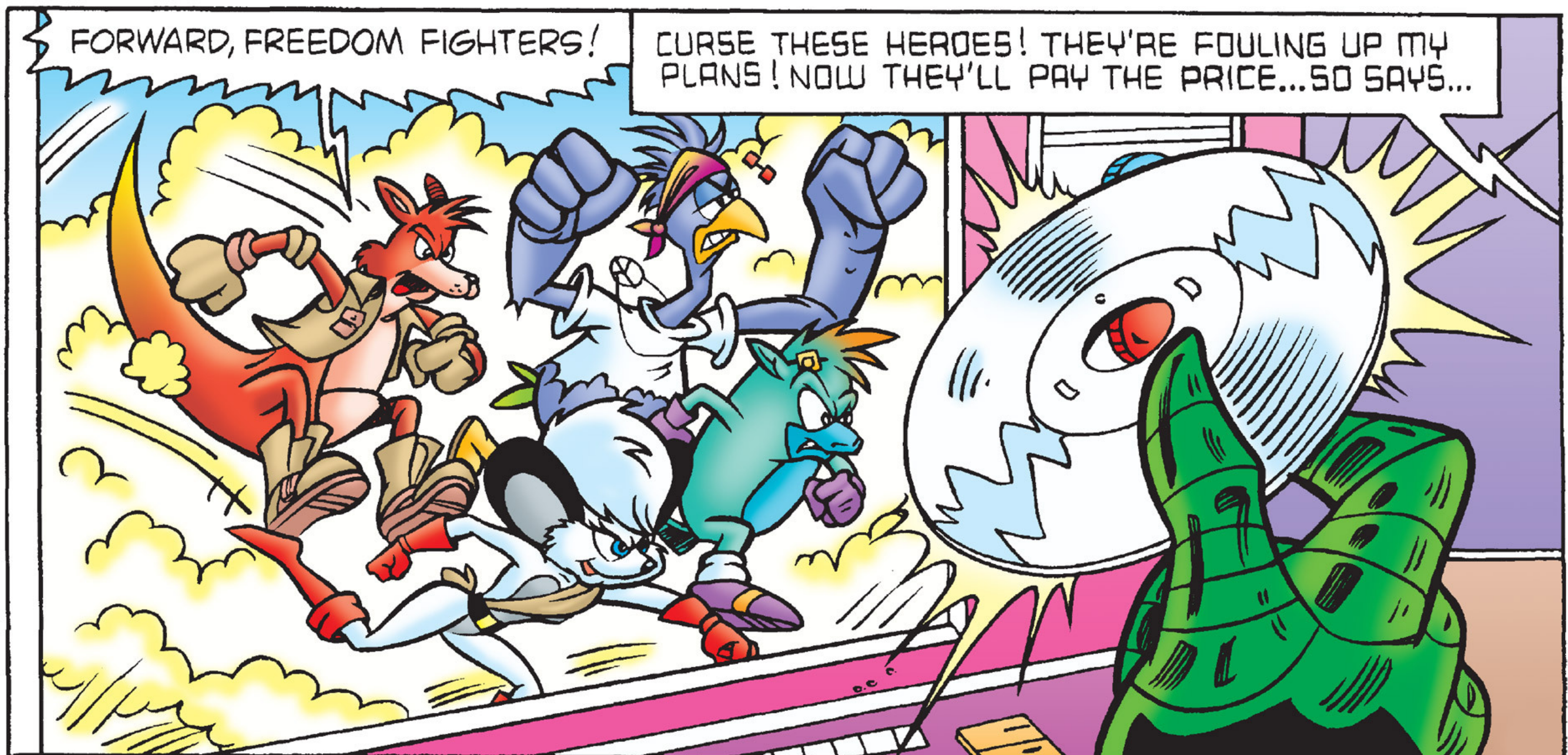
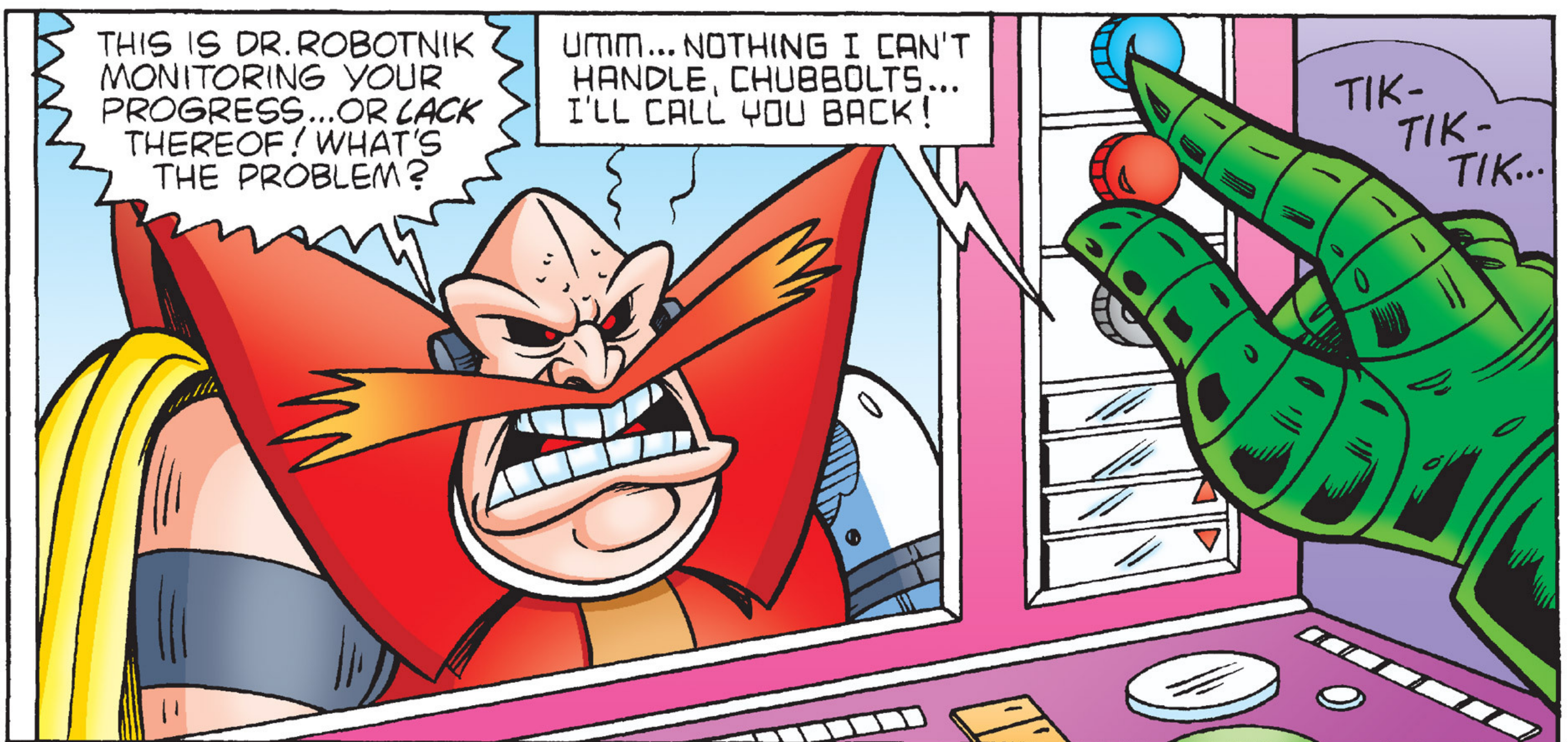
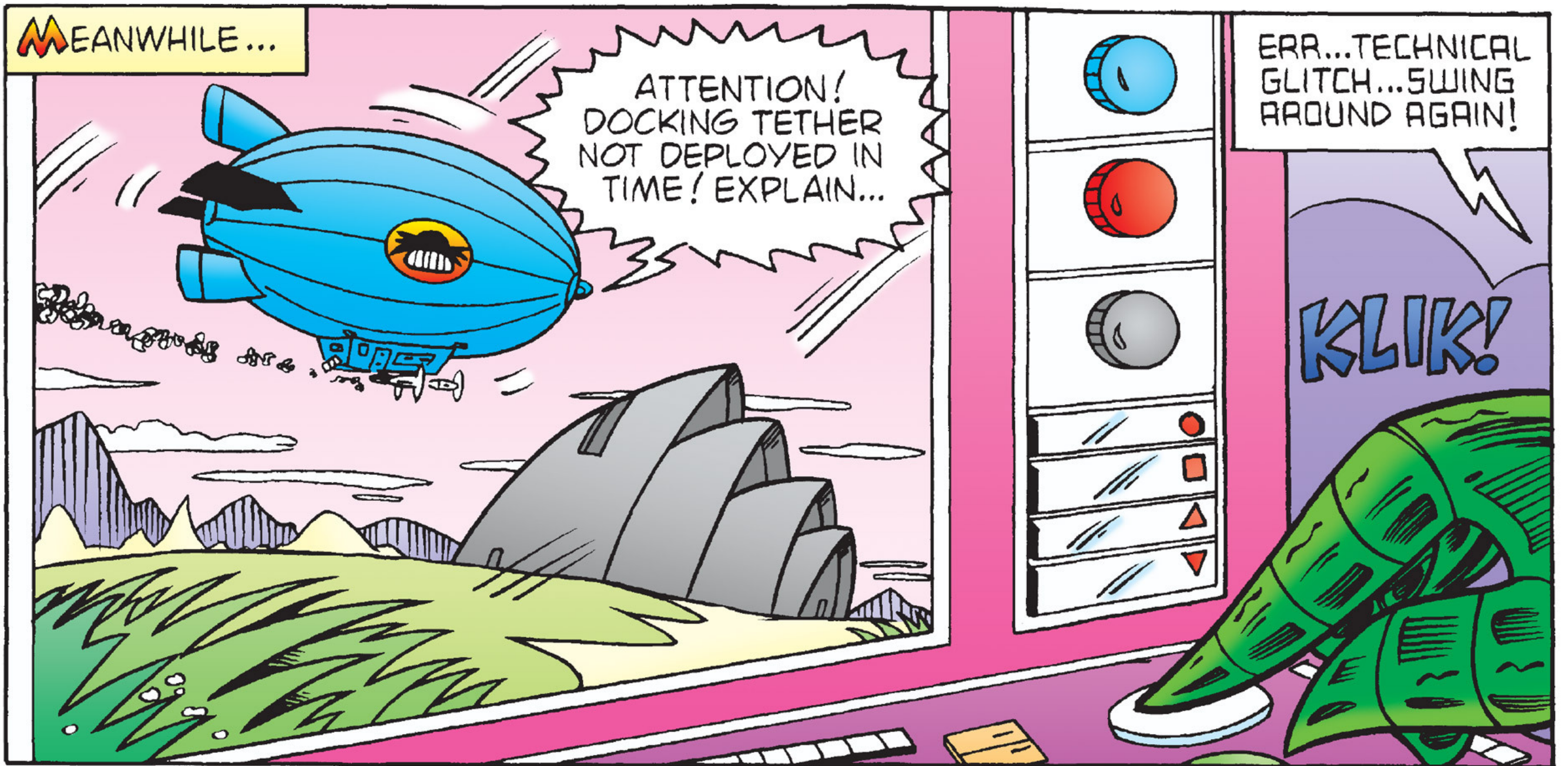
I KNOW HIM, TOO! FOR CENTURIES, OUR FAMILY WAS CHARGED WITH PROTECTING THE FLOATING ISLAND! MY SON SUCCEEDED ME-- THEN HIS SON--AND NOW... KNUCKLES!



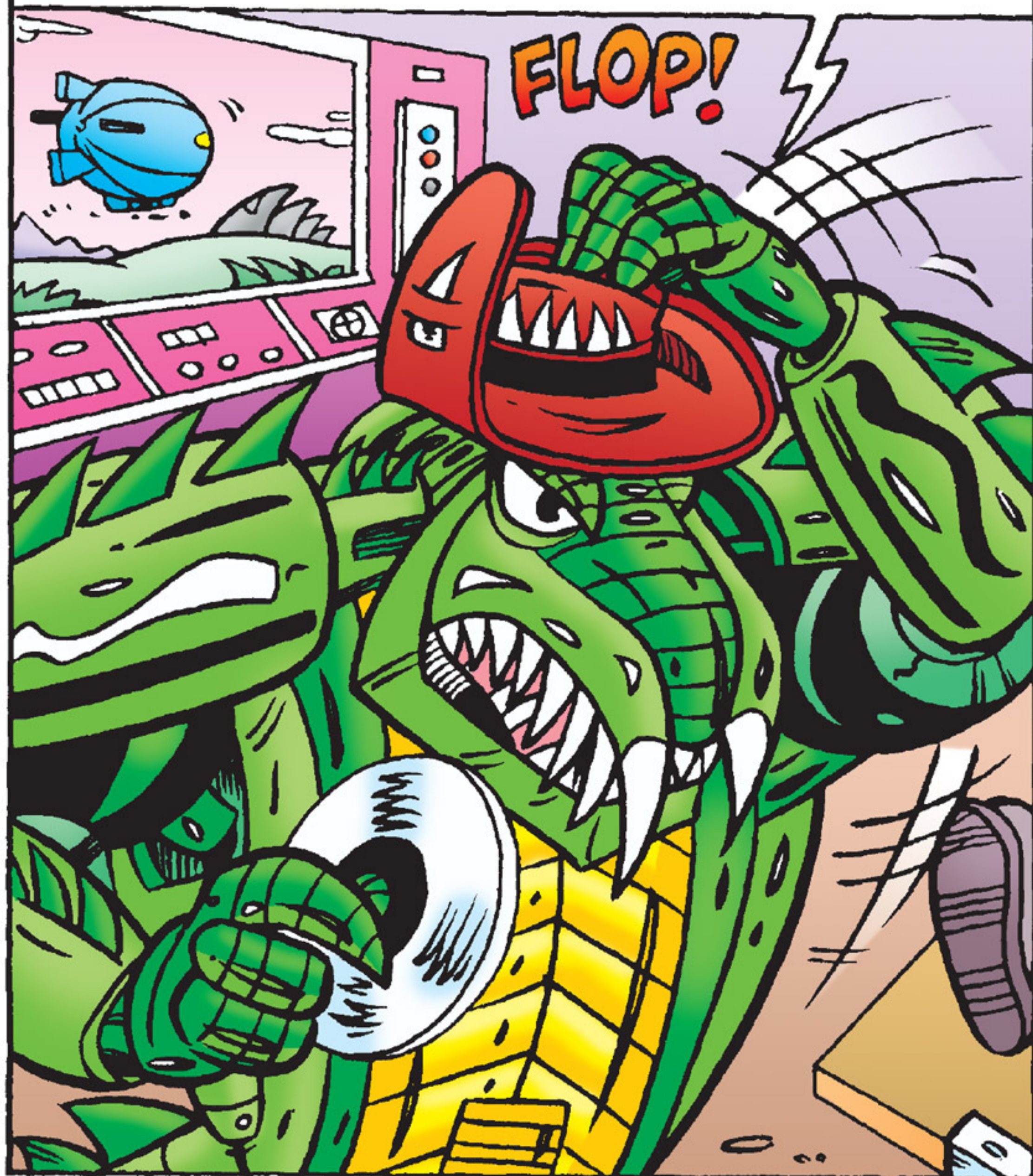
THAT'S WHERE YOU ARE WRONG, TAILS... *TIME* IS
ONE THING WE HAVE IN ABUNDANCE!



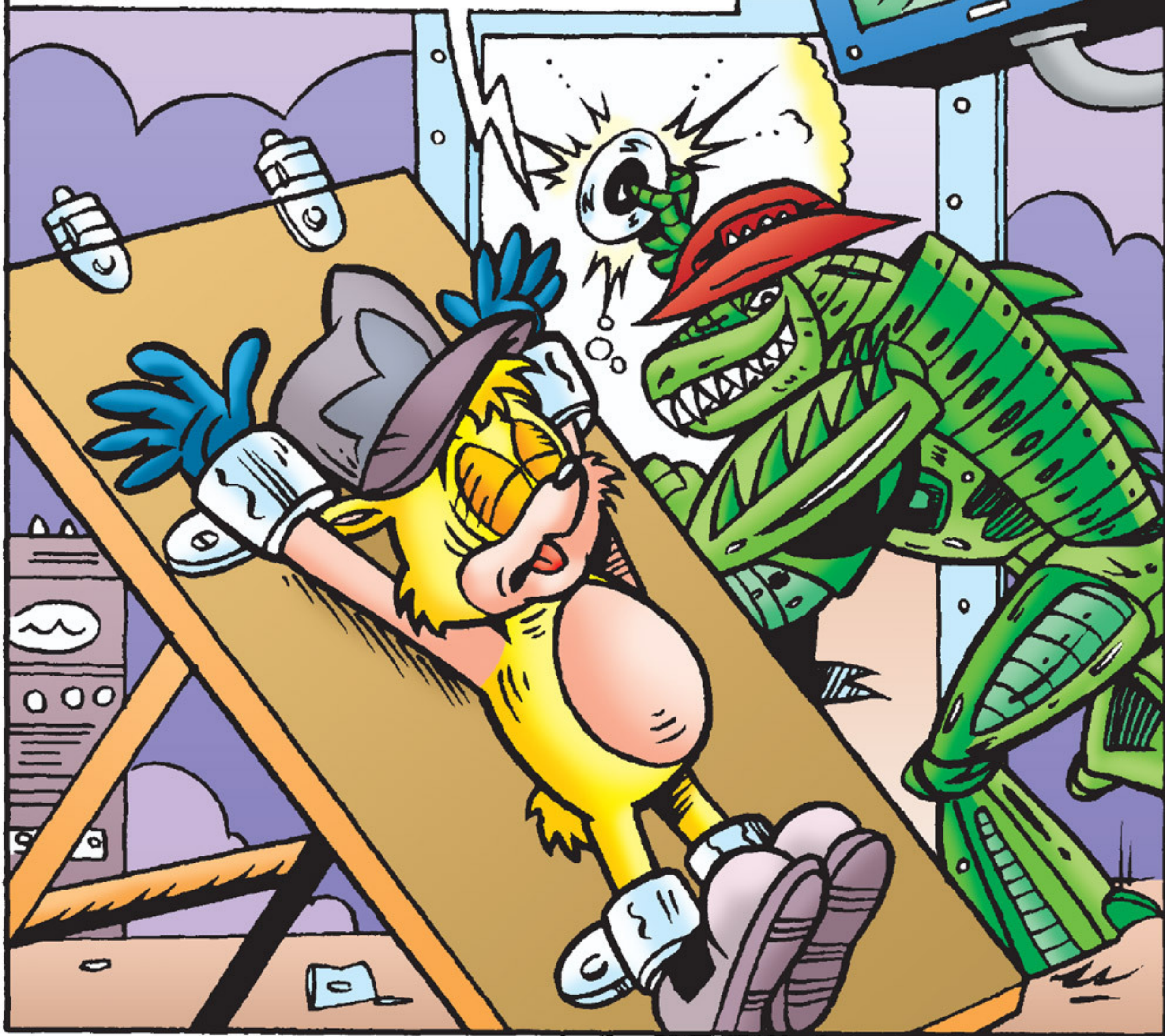
OMIGOSH!
>gulp< TH-THEY'RE
ALIVE!



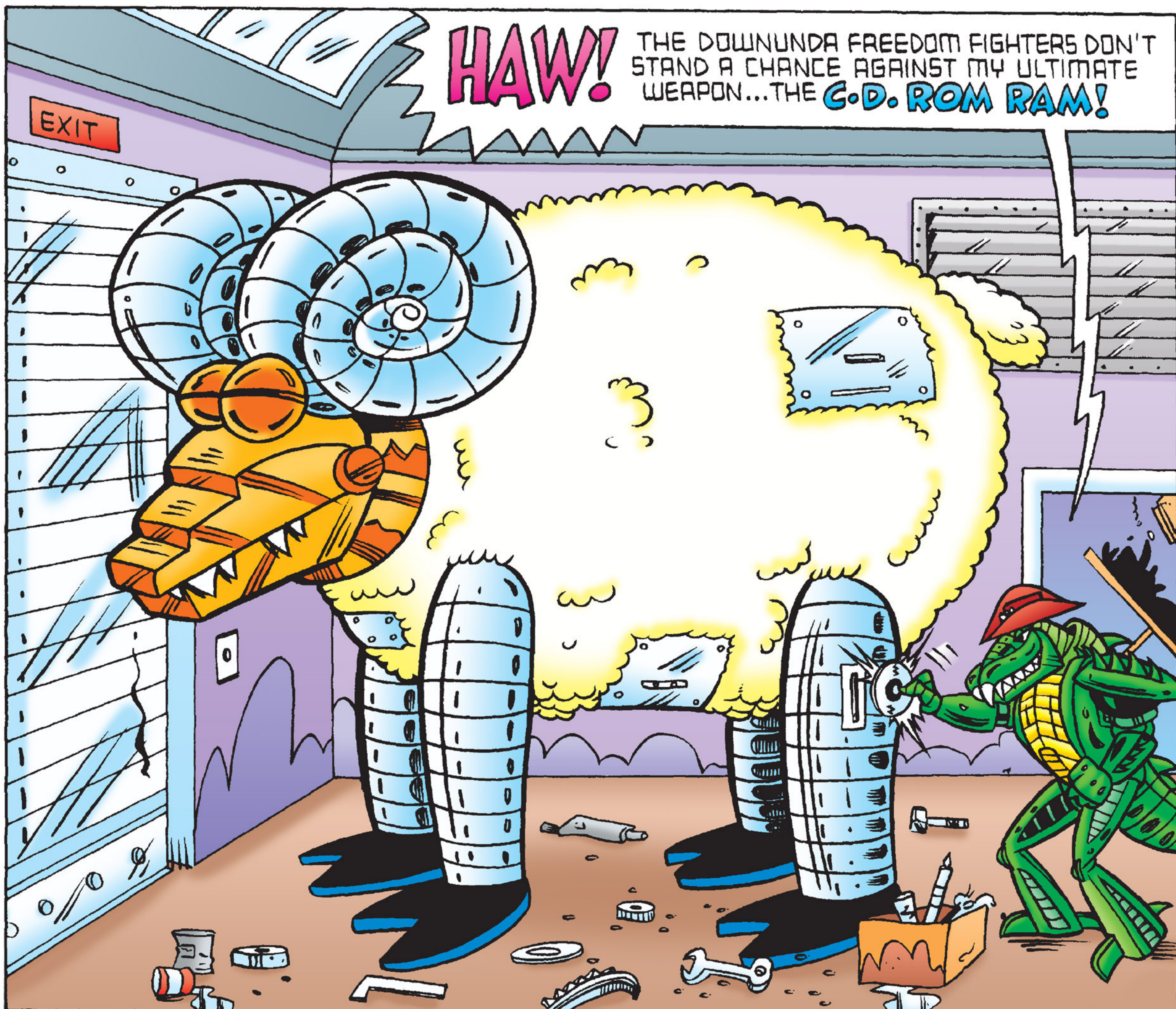
...**CROCBOT!** ONCE I'VE UN-
LOADED THAT BLIMP AND RE-PROGRAM-
MED THE SWATBOT CREW, I'LL RULE
DOWNUNDA...AND EVENTUALLY, *MOBIUS!*

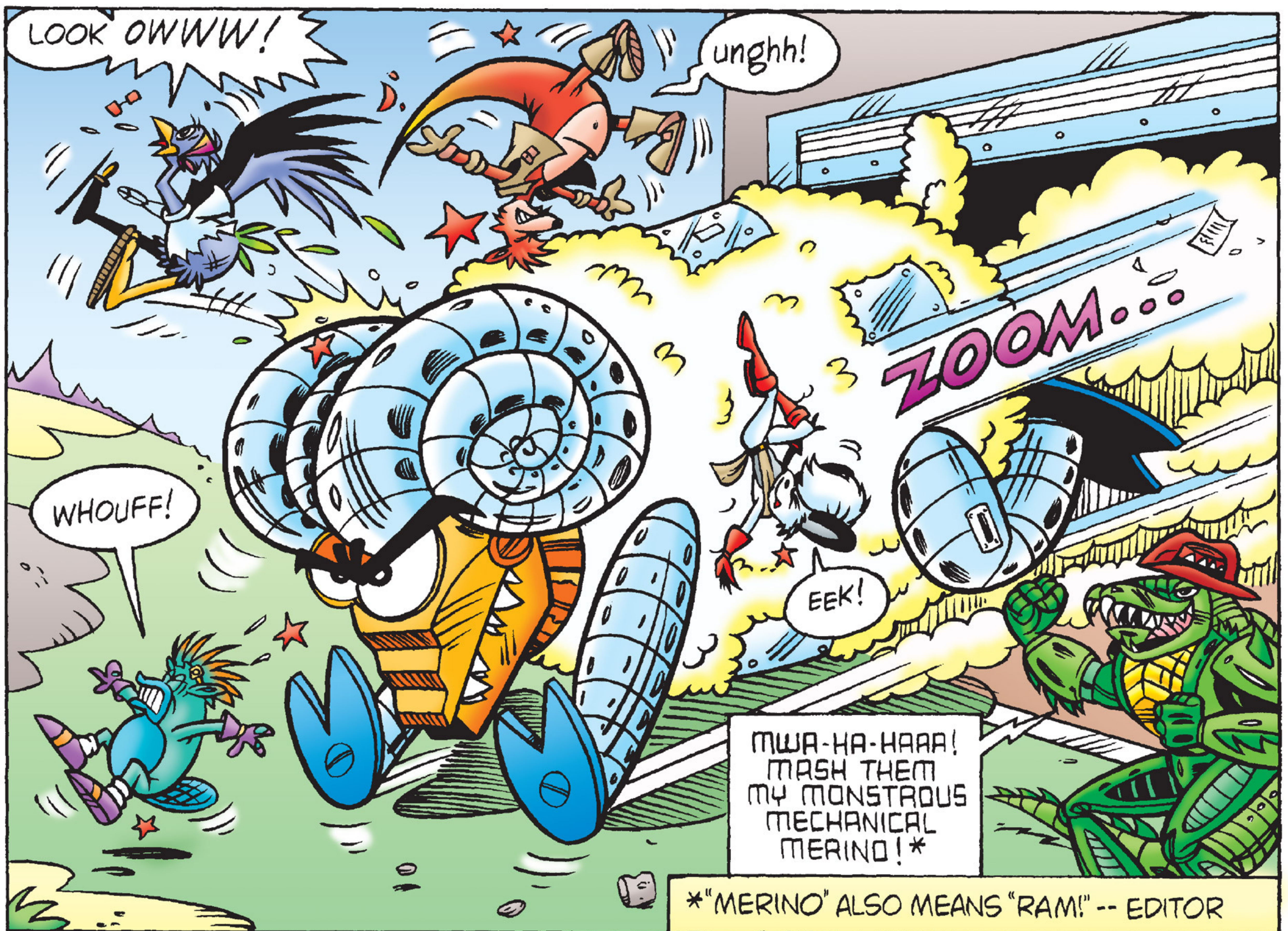
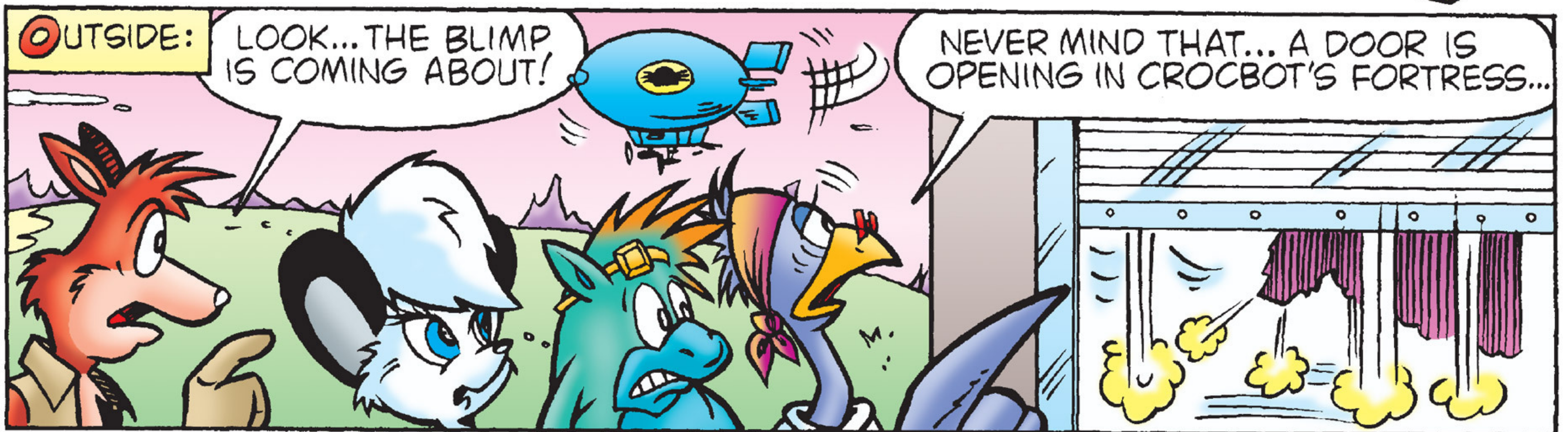
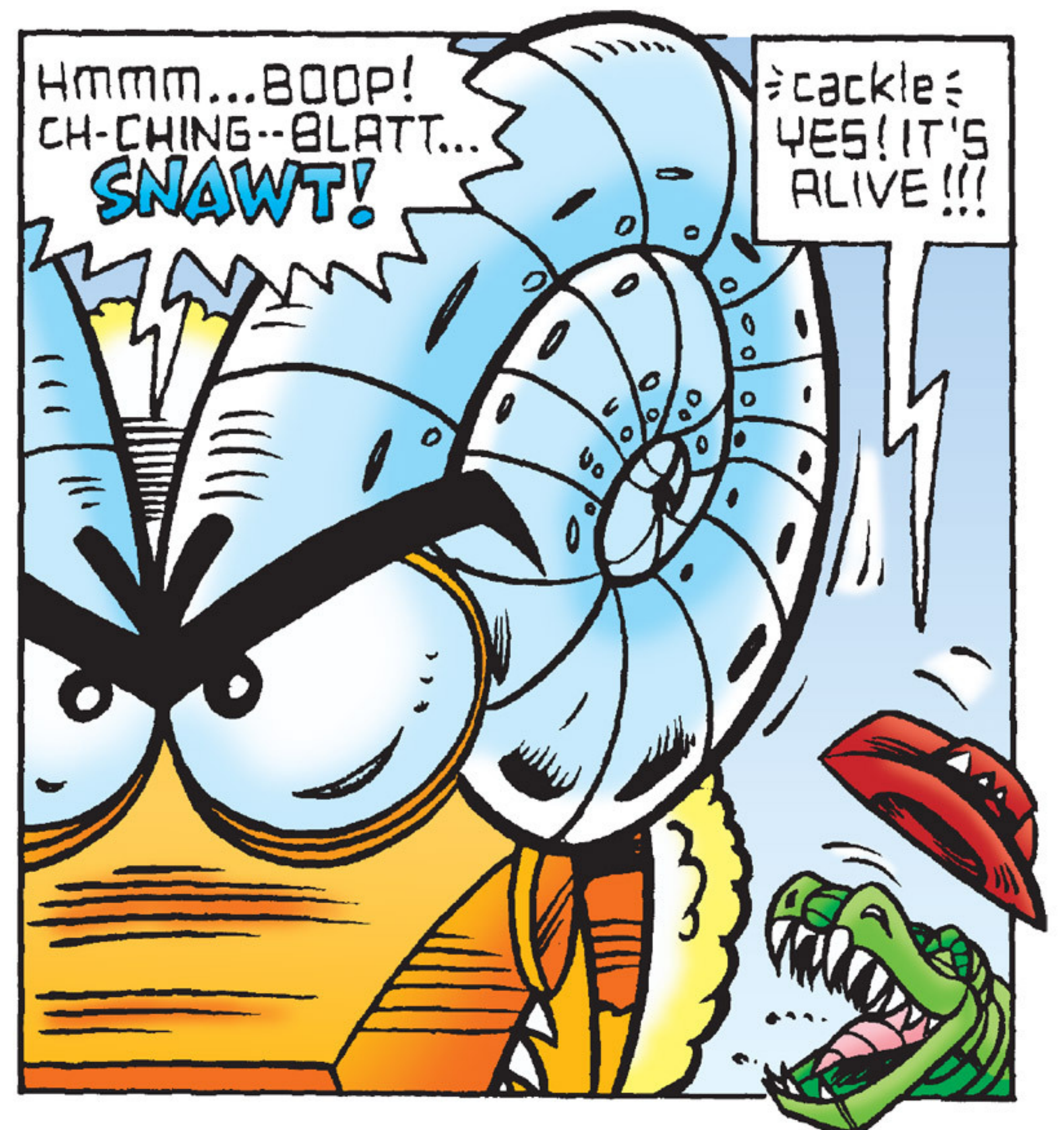
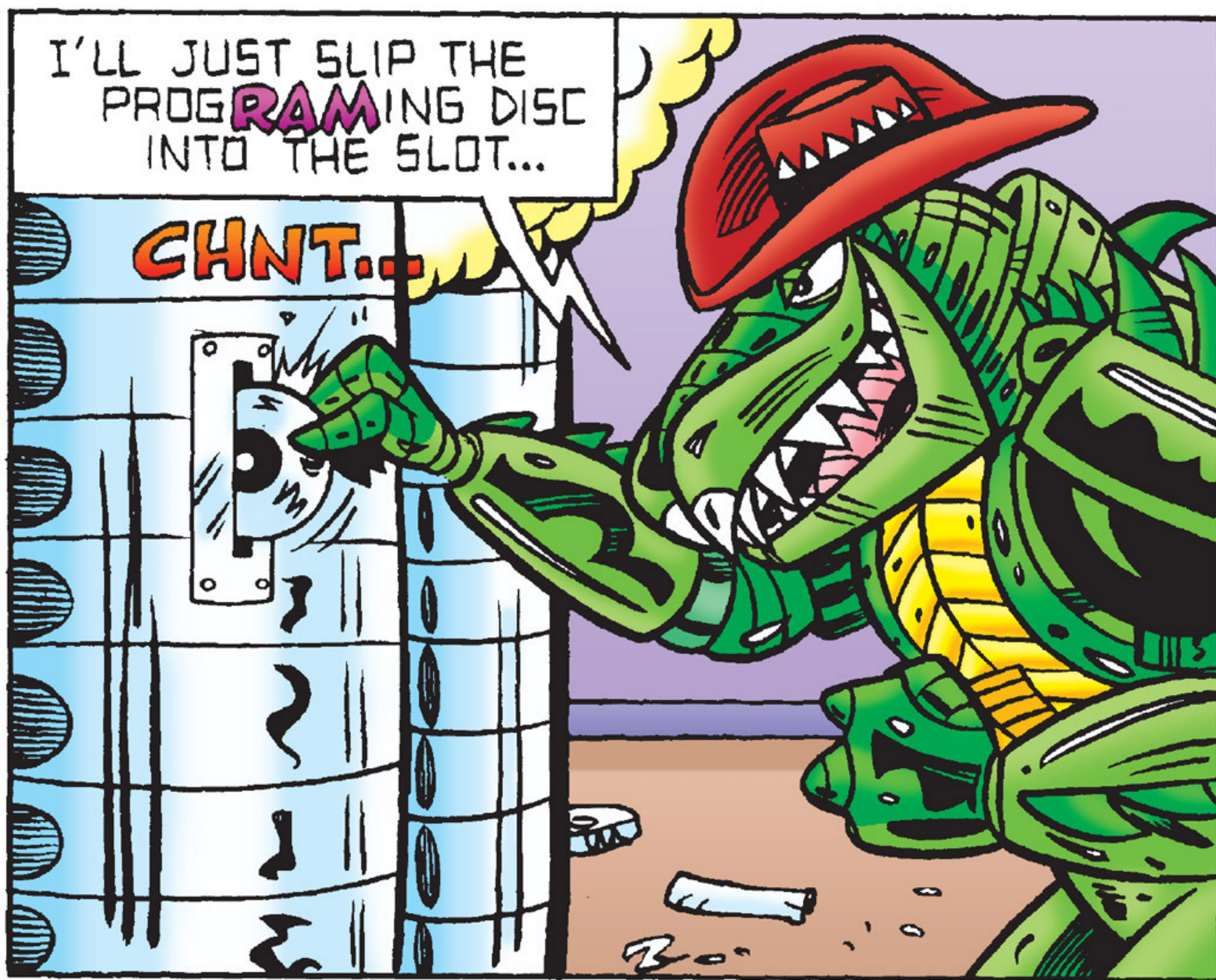


BUT IT CAN'T HAPPEN UNTIL
I DISPOSE OF YOUR TEAM-
MATES *WOMBAT STU!* FEEL
FREE TO WATCH THEM PERISH
IF YOU EVER REGAIN
CONSCIOUSNESS!

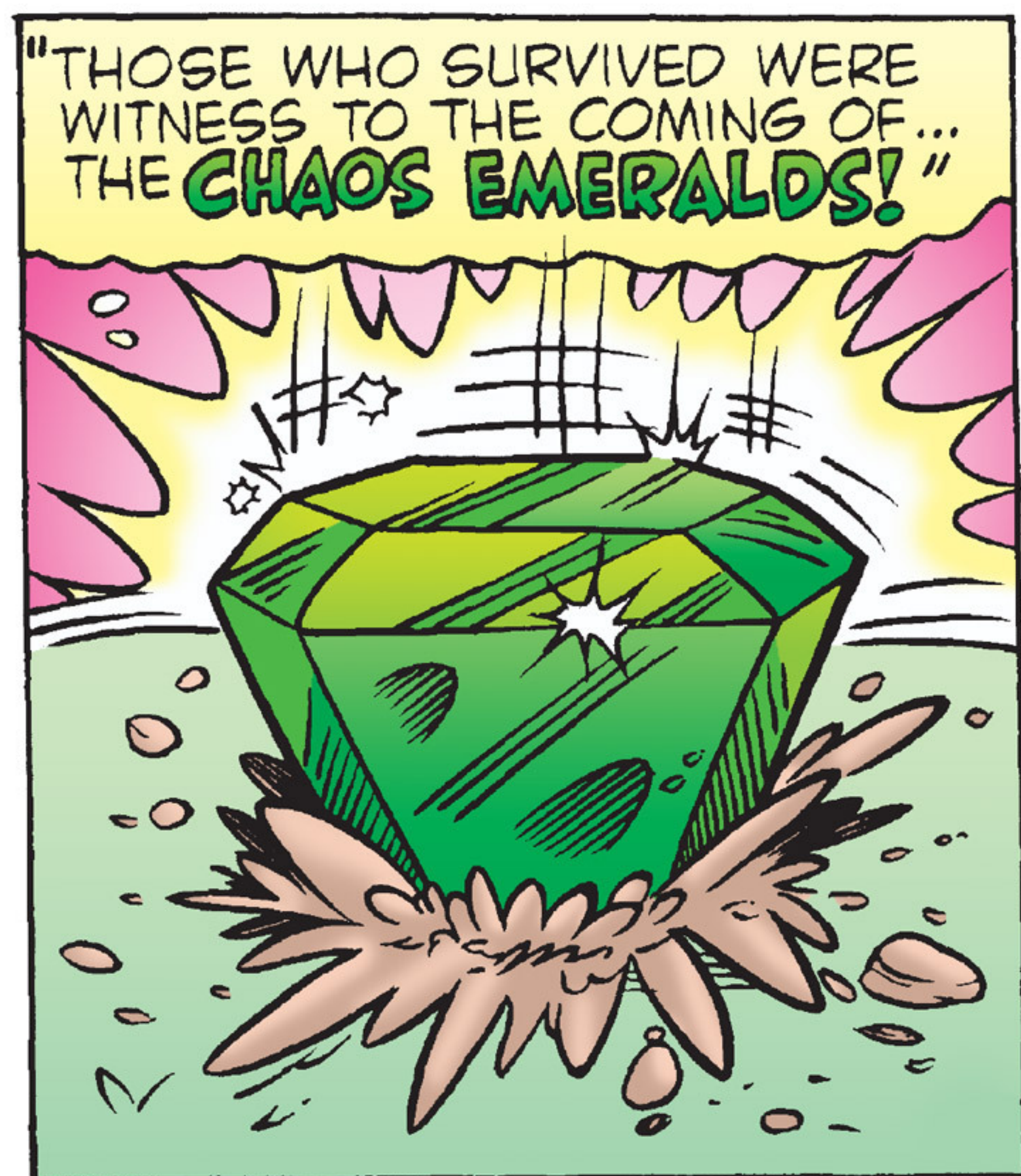
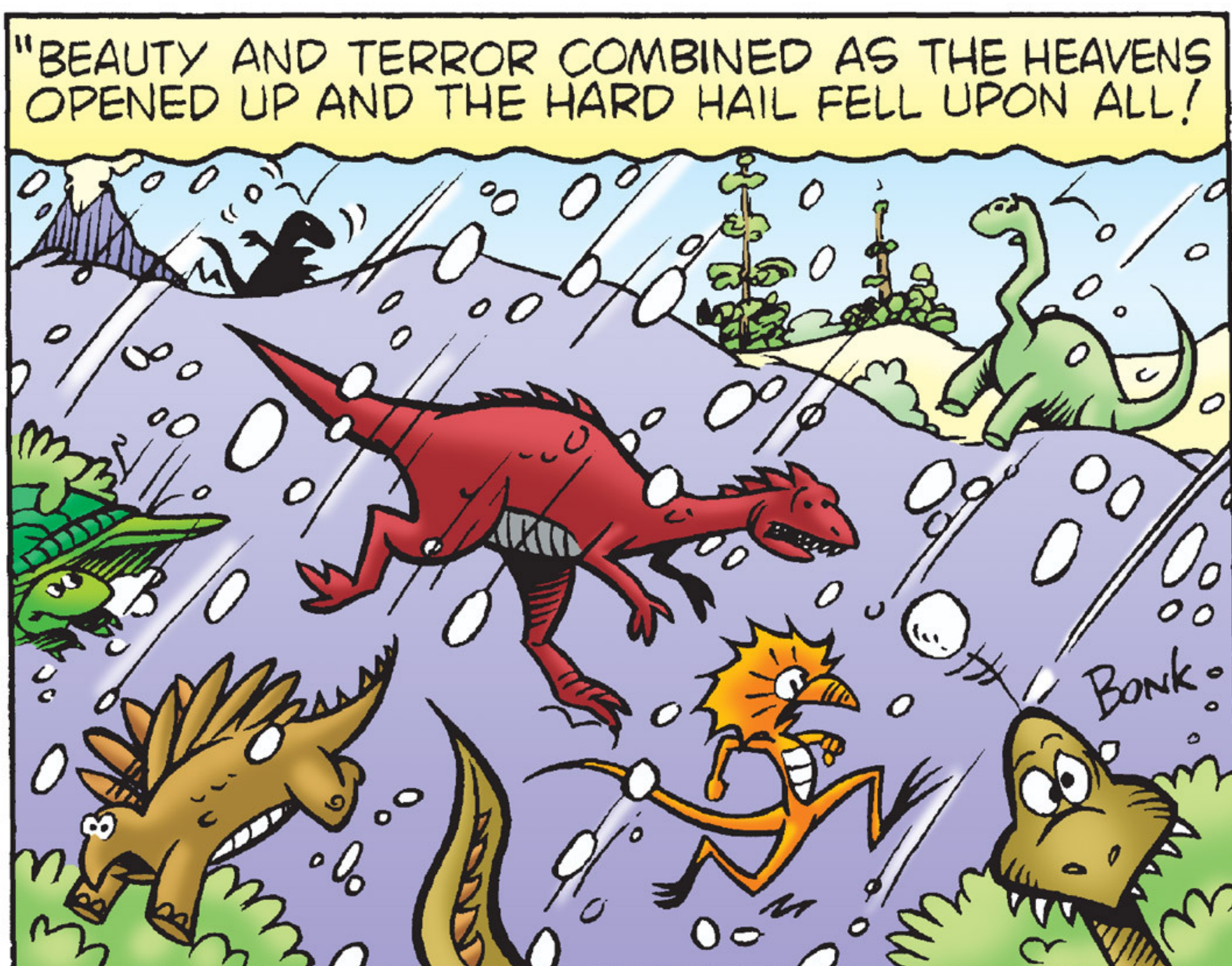
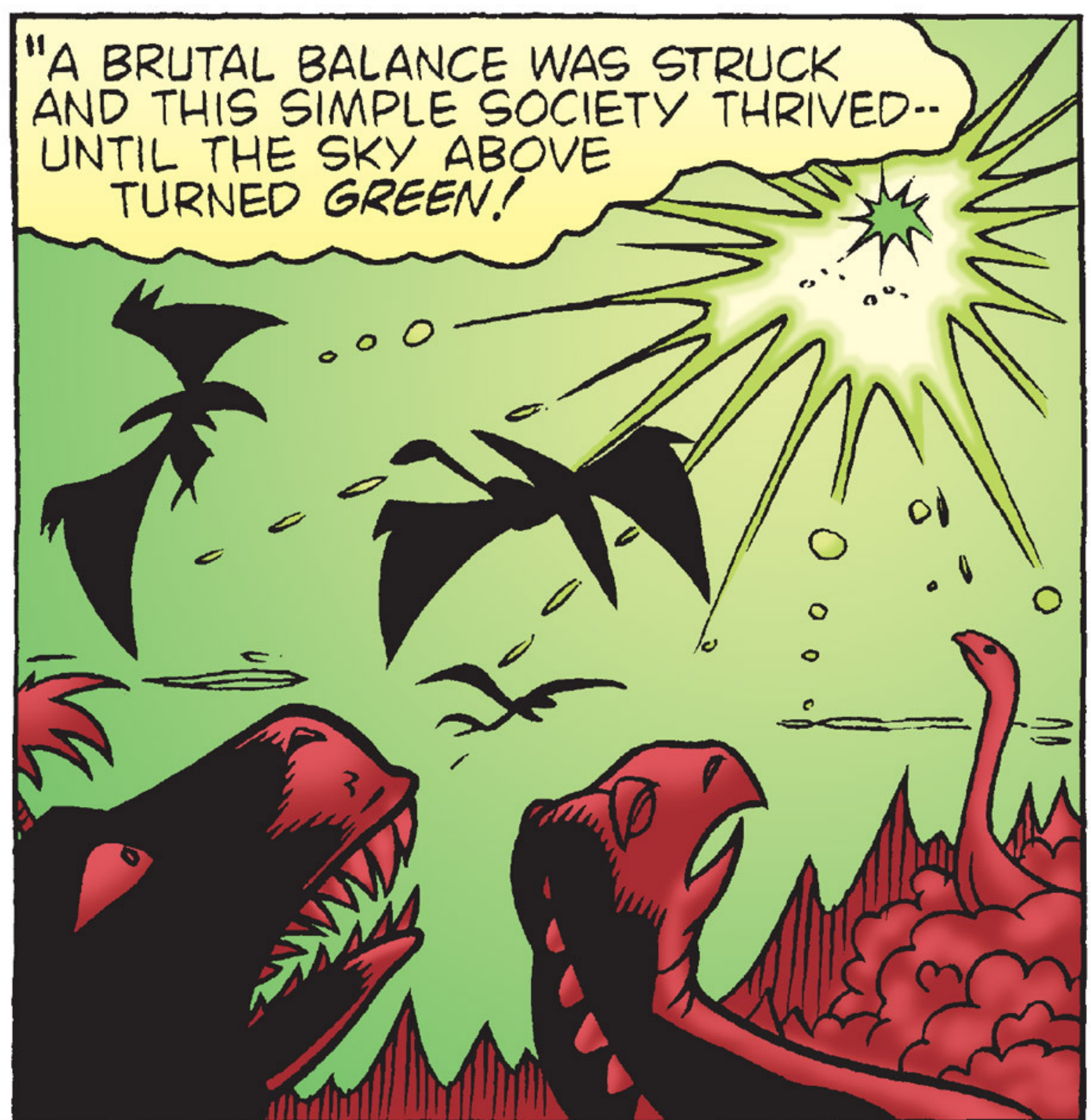
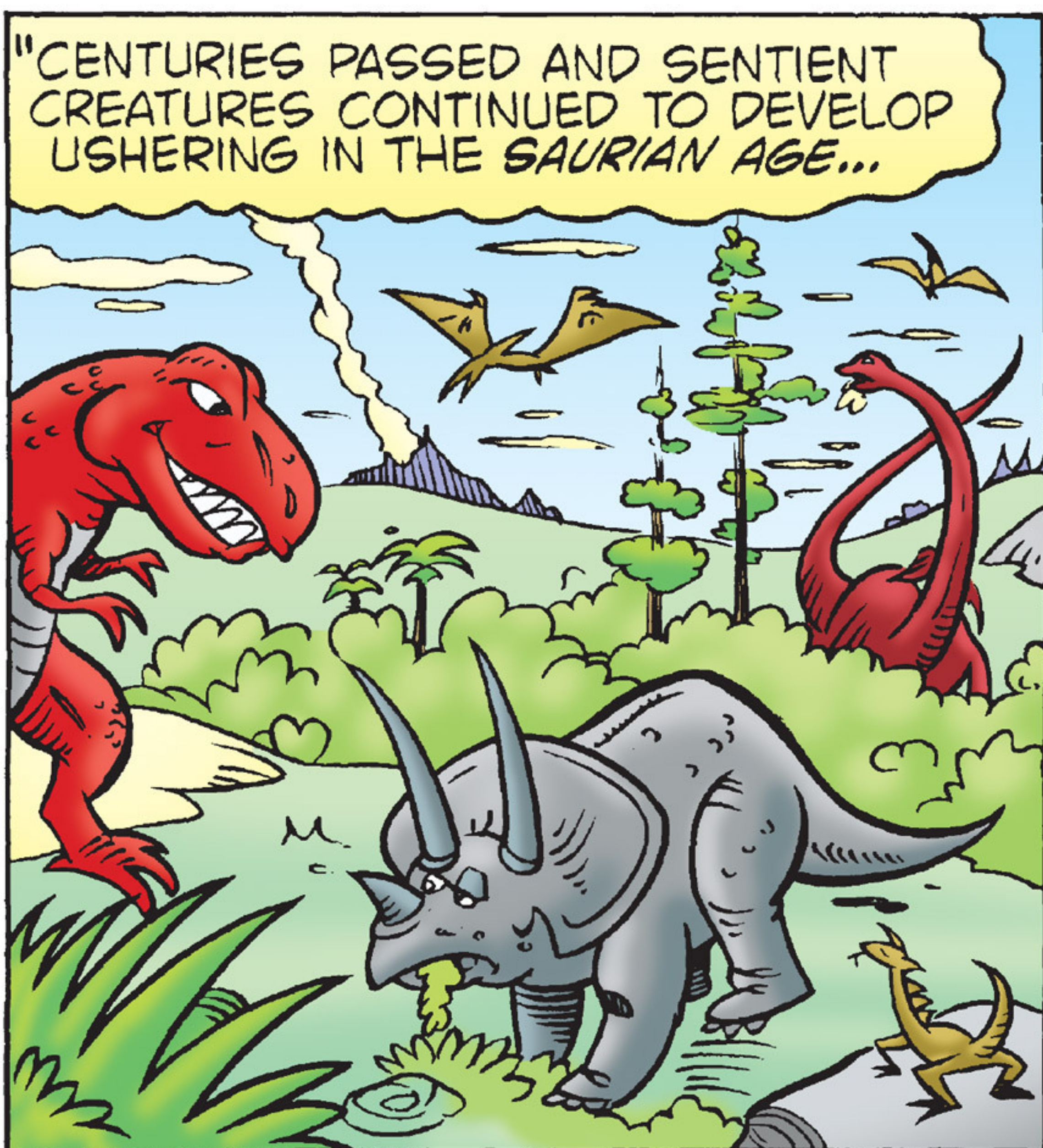
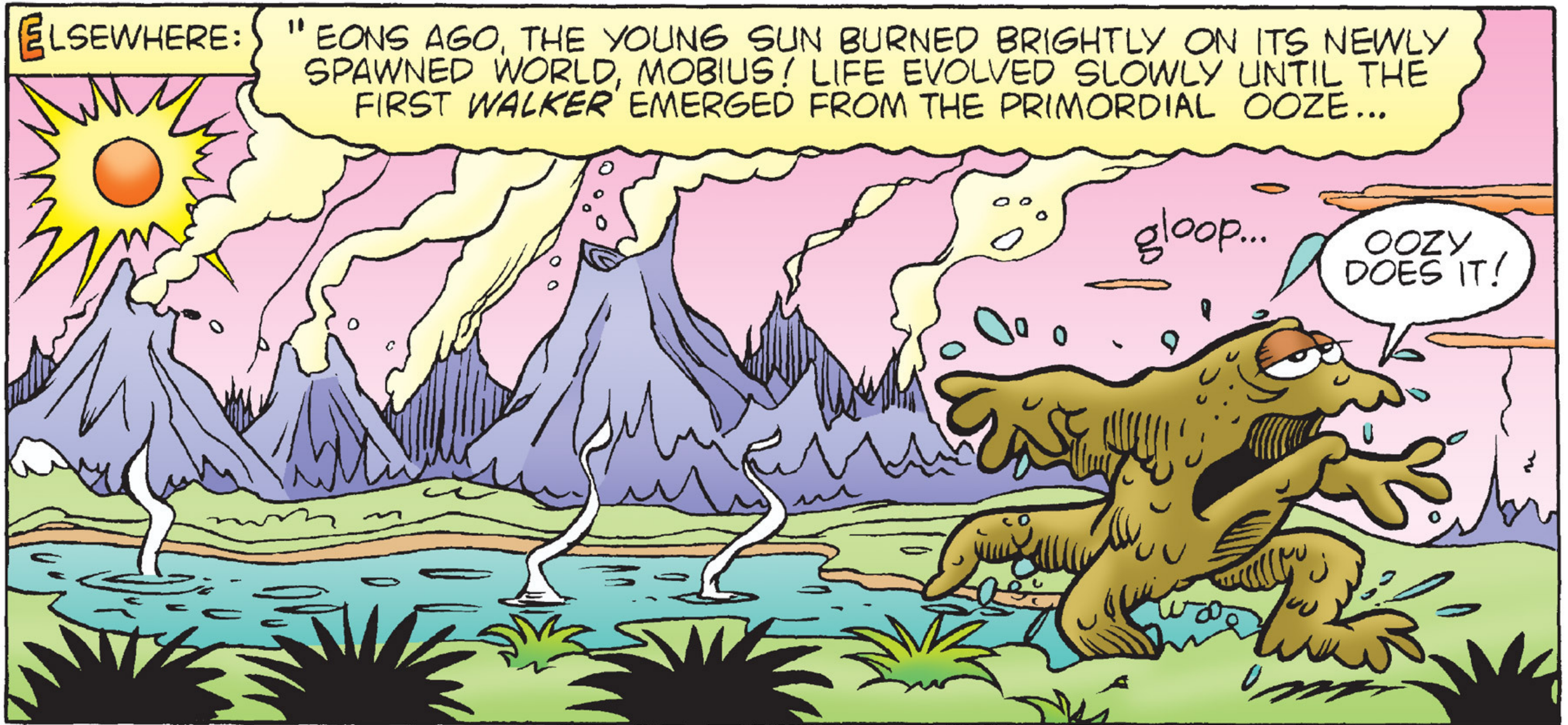


HAW! THE DOWNUNDA FREEDOM FIGHTERS DON'T
STAND A CHANCE AGAINST MY ULTIMATE
WEAPON...THE **G.D. ROM RAM!**

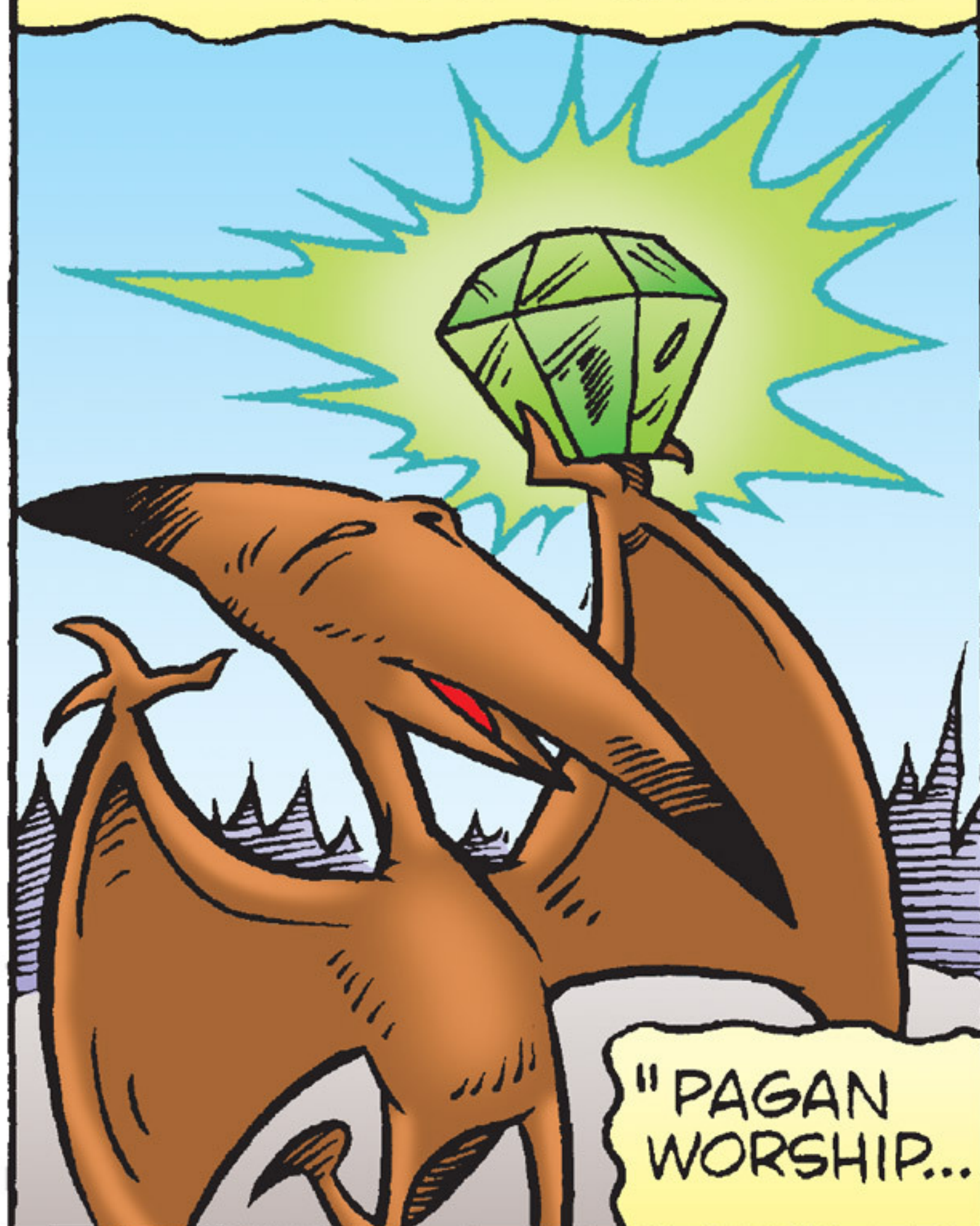




*"MERINO" ALSO MEANS "RAM!" -- EDITOR

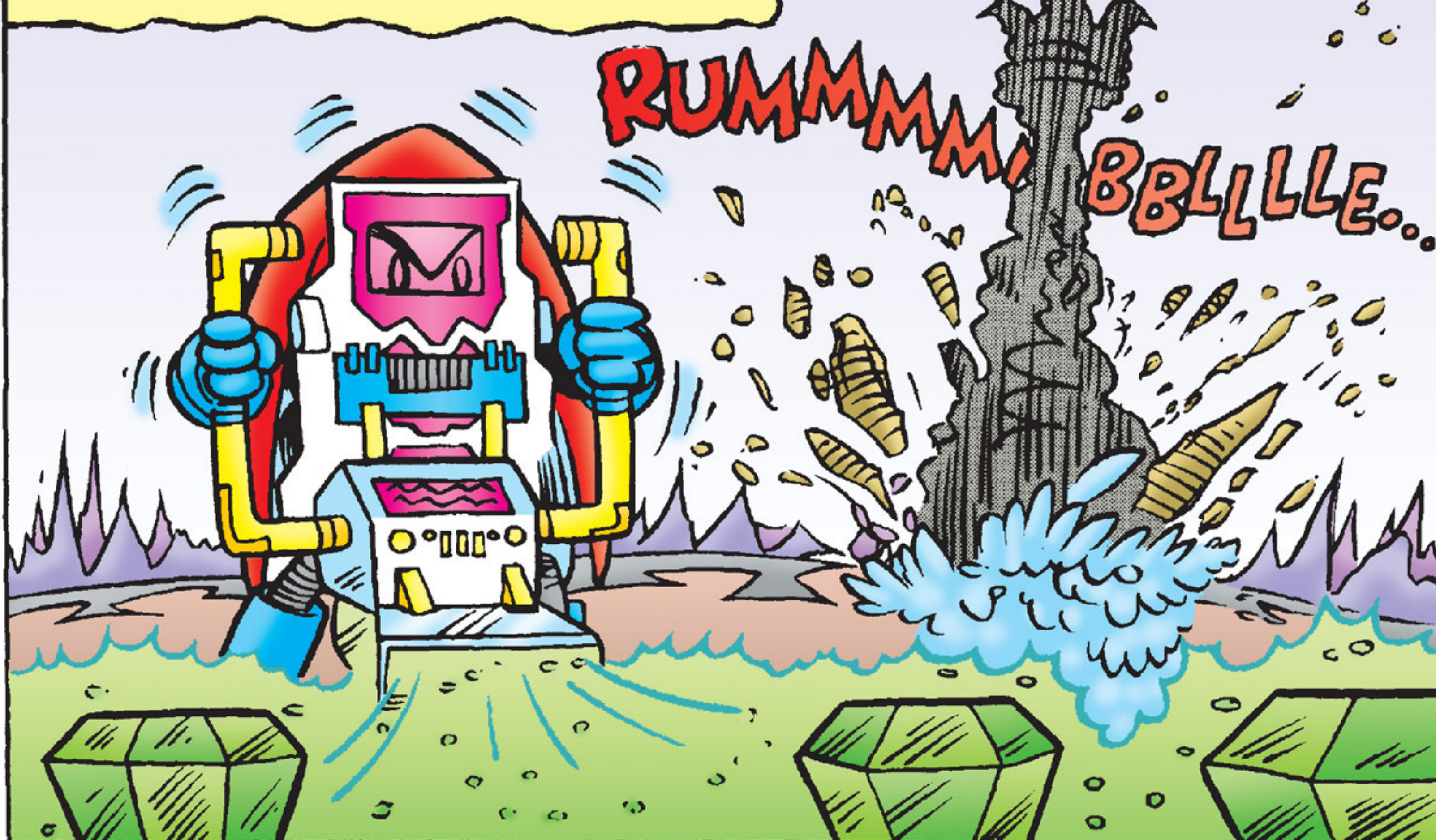


"OVER CENTURIES, THESE CRYSTALS HAVE INSPIRED MANY CULTURAL WONDERS:



"PAGAN WORSHIP..."

"...TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCES CAPABLE OF DRIVING THOSE WHO HARNESS IT MAD...*

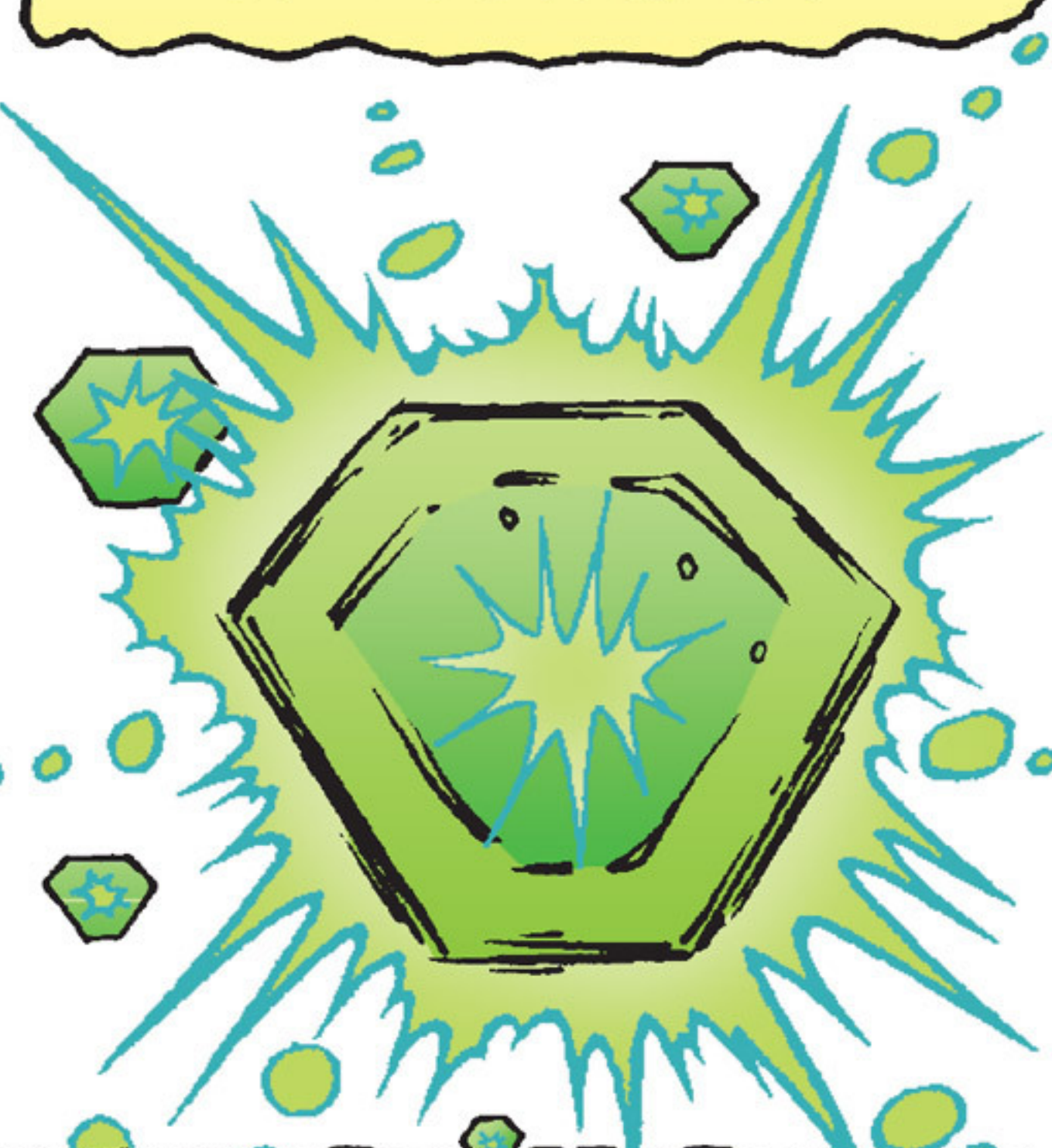


*AS MENTIONED IN SONIC ARCHIVES VOL.9! --EDITOR

"... AND IN HANDS OF PURE EVIL, THEY CAN BE CORRUPTED INTO WEAPONS OF DESTRUCTION!"



"BUT, ABSOLUTE ENERGY CANNOT BE CREATED OR DESTROYED--



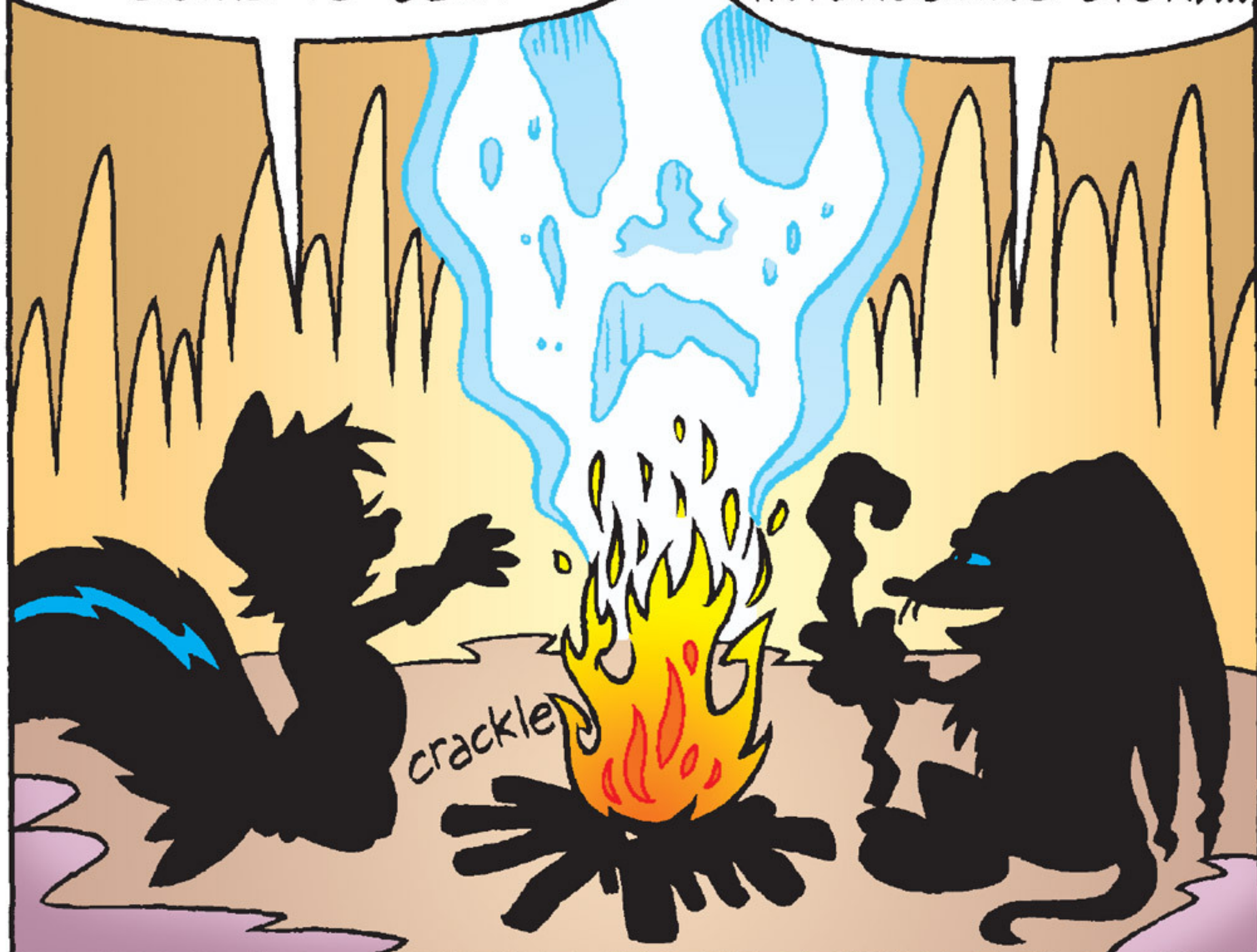
"--THE INFINITE POWER OF THE CHAOS EMERALDS SHALL REALIGN FOR A HIGHER PURPOSE!"

"THE CHOSEN ONE WHO SHALL GATHER THEM WILL WALK AMONGST YOU..."



"... AND THE GREAT HARMONY SHALL BEGIN!"

SO IT IS WRITTEN AND THEREFORE, SO IT MUST COME TO BE...

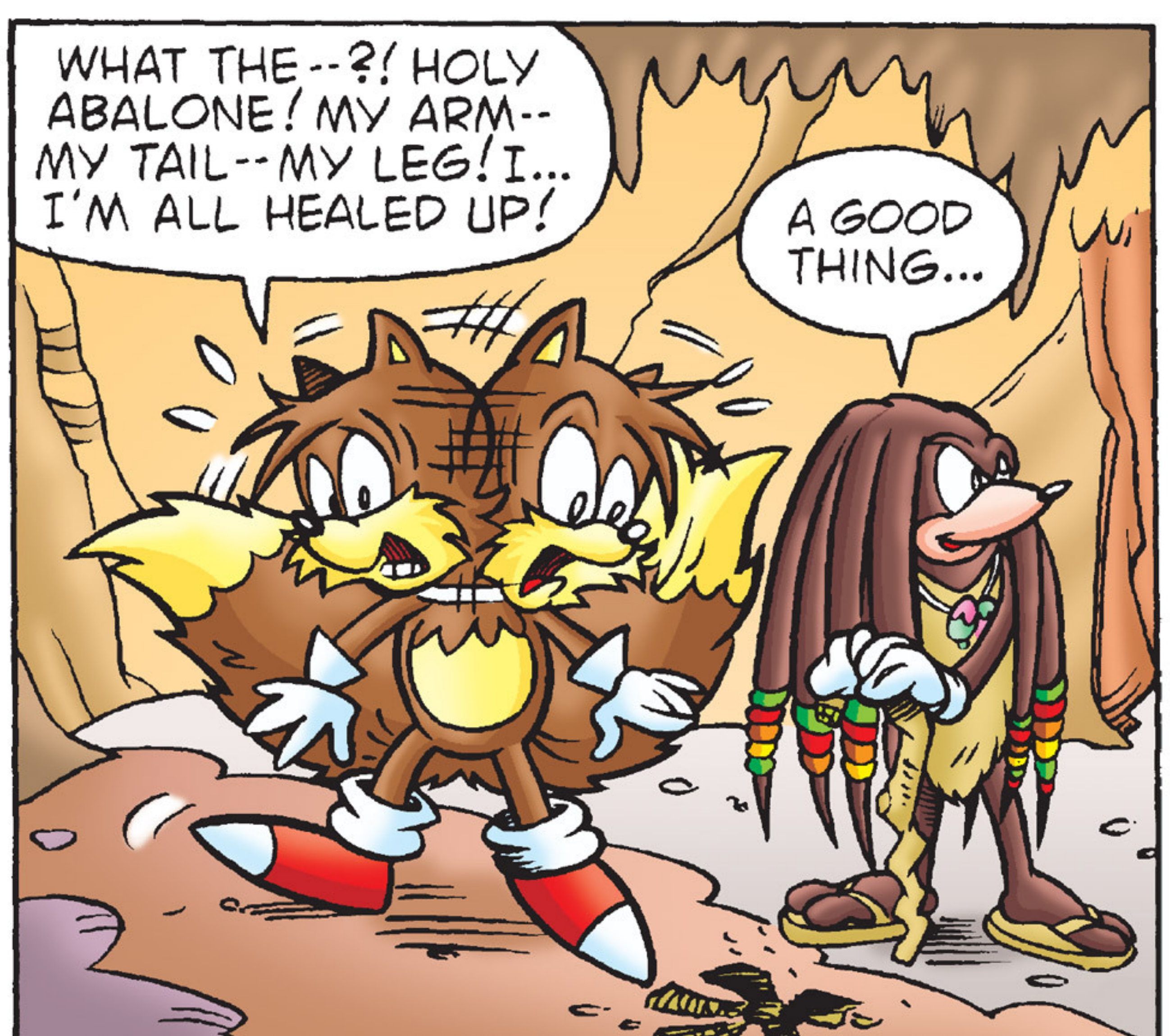
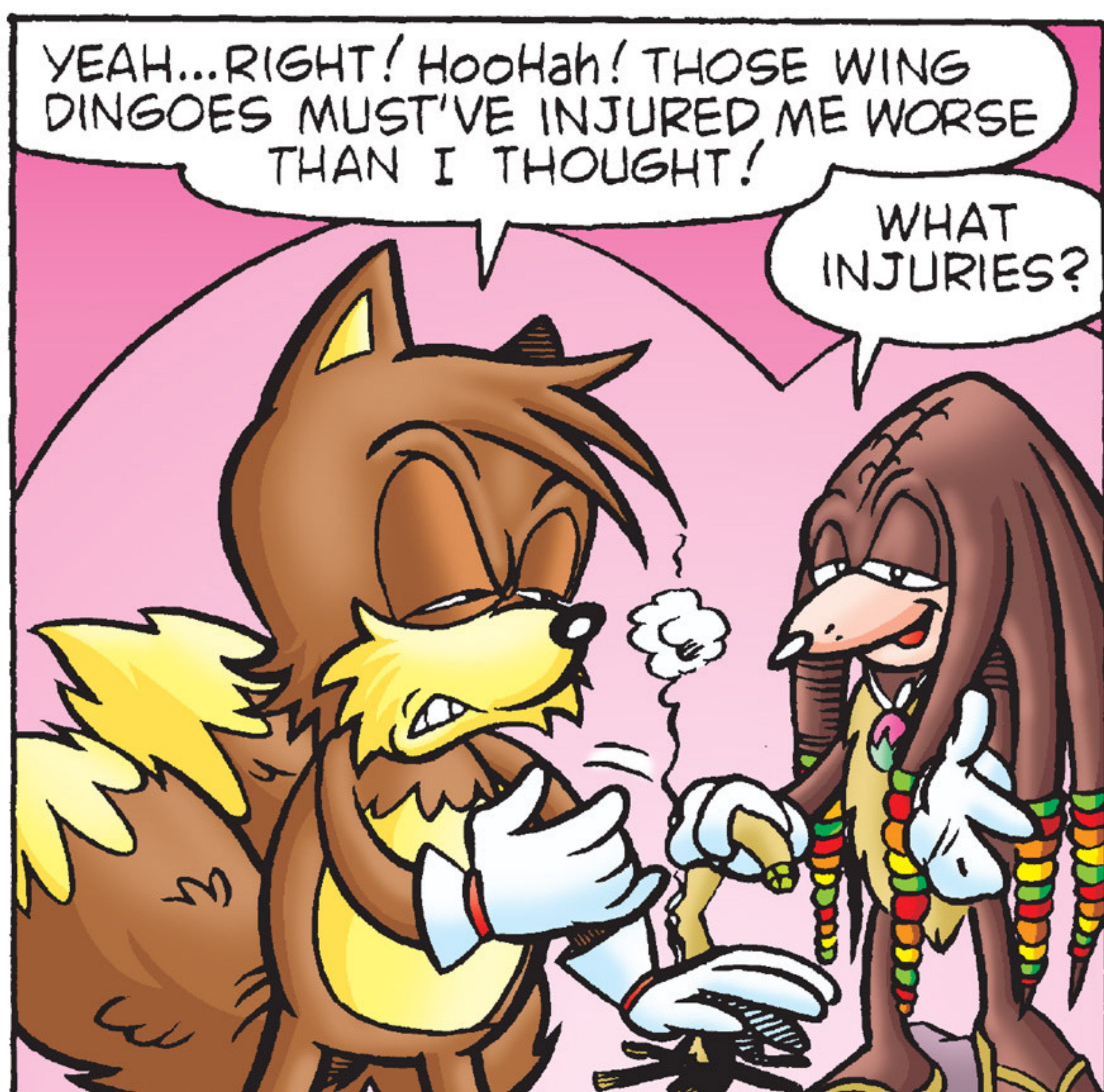
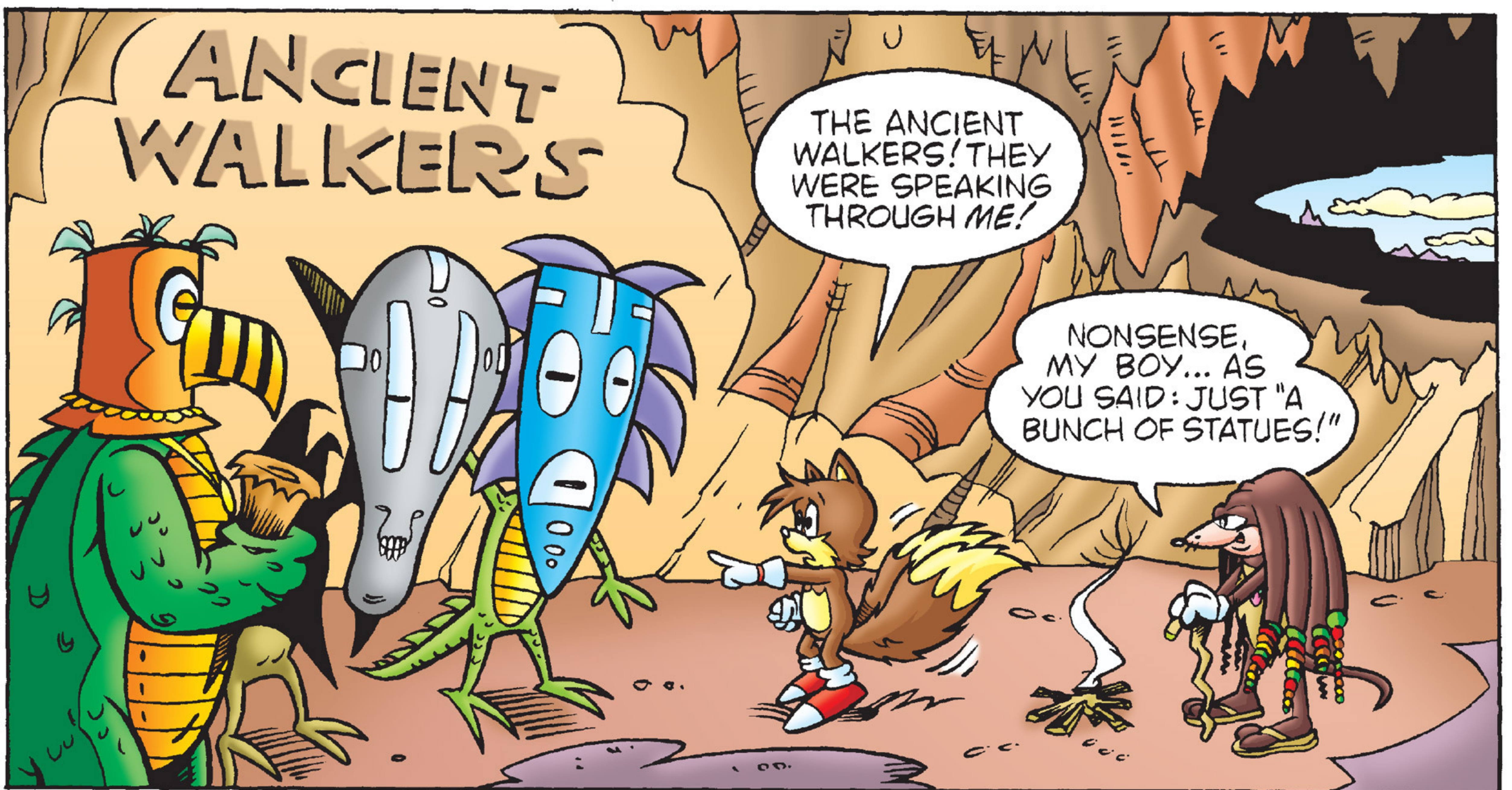
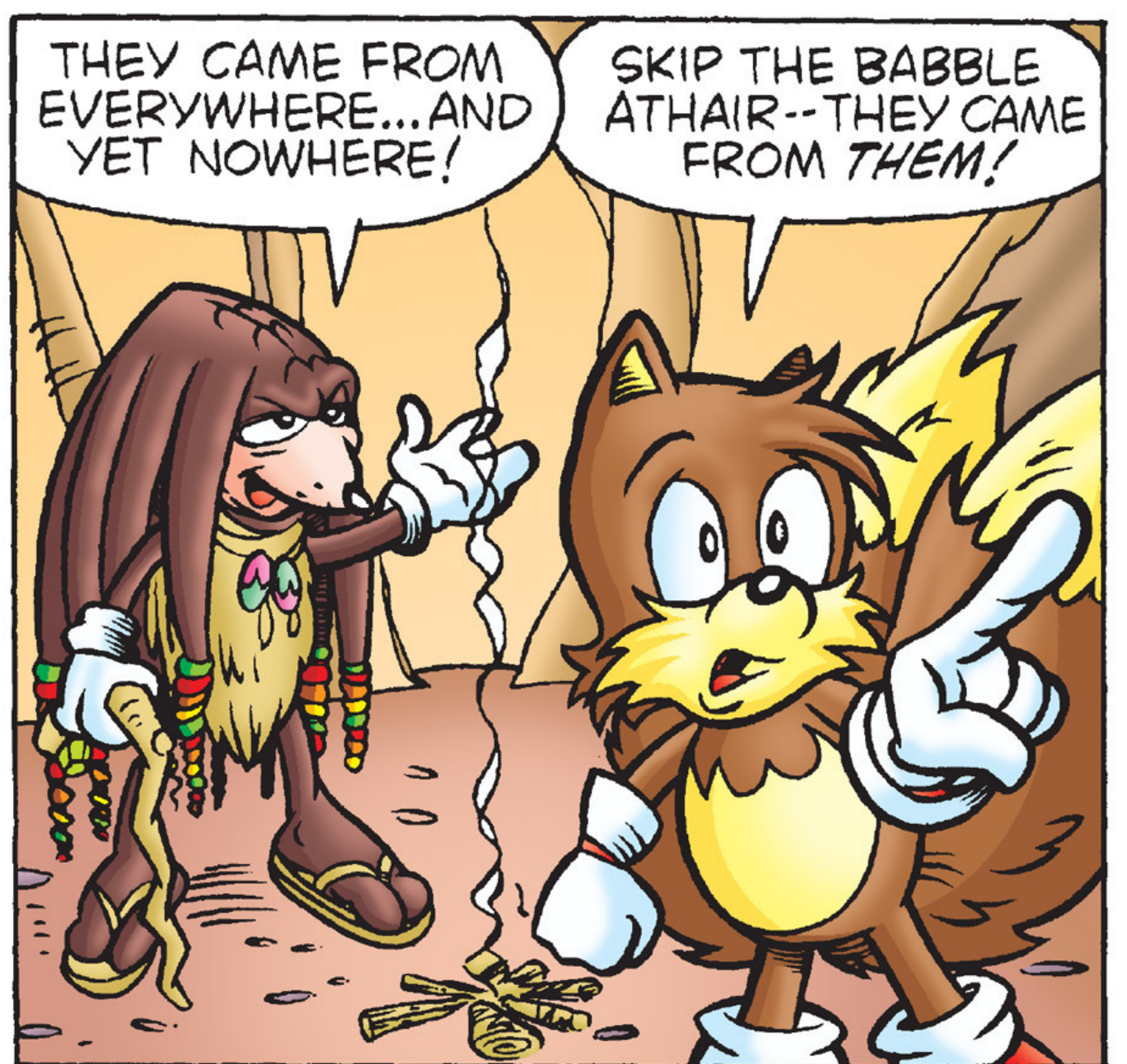
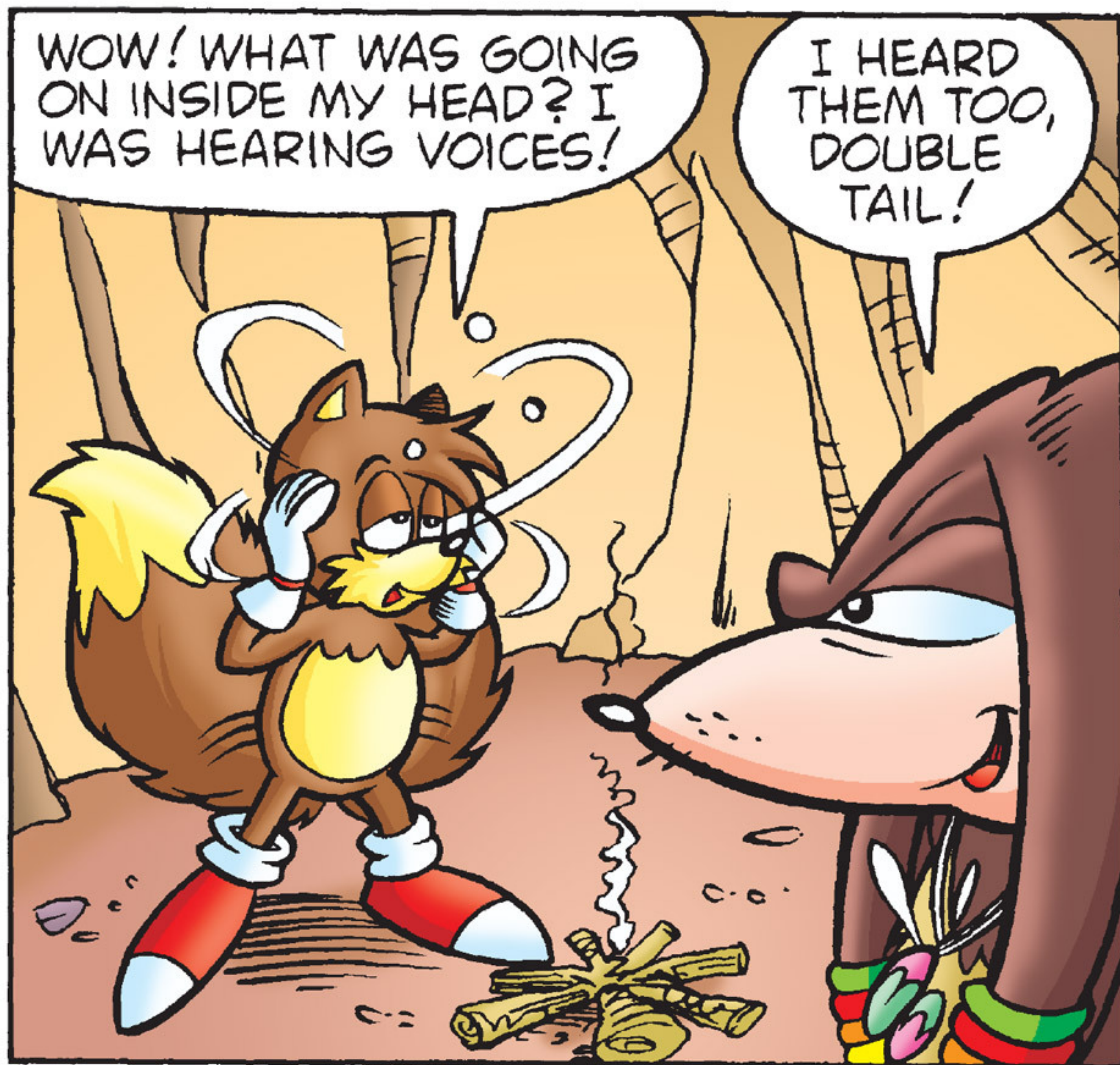


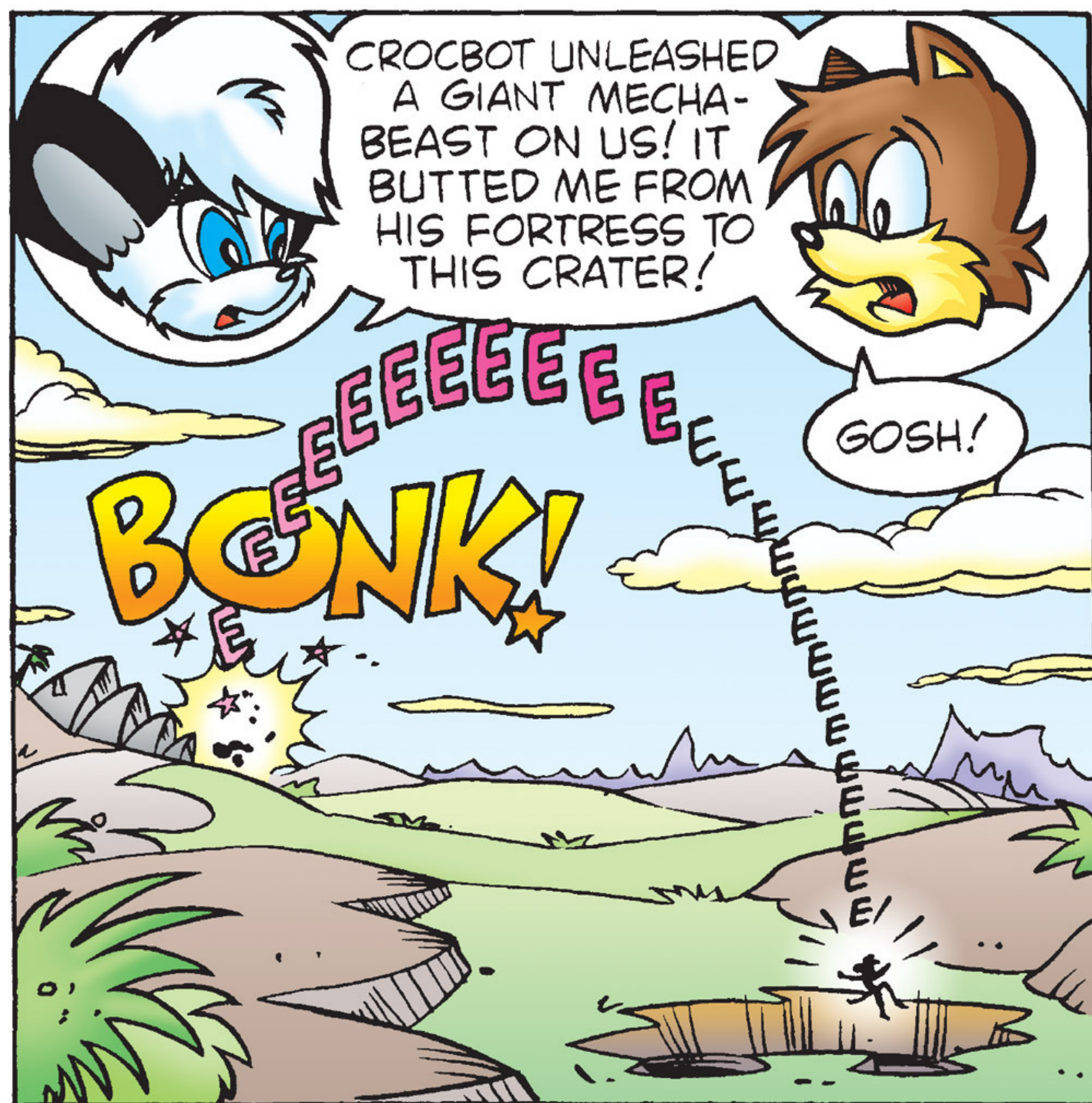
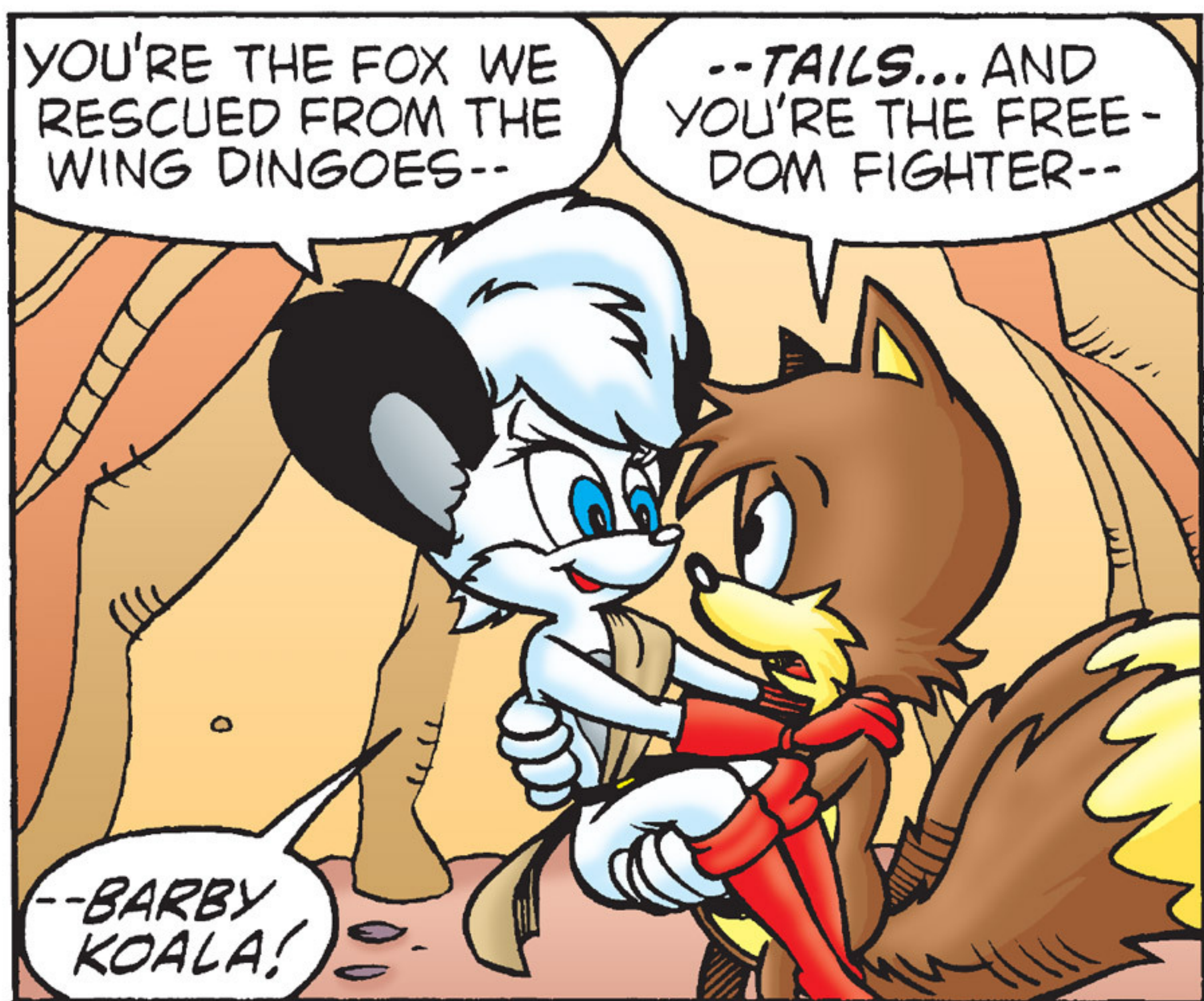
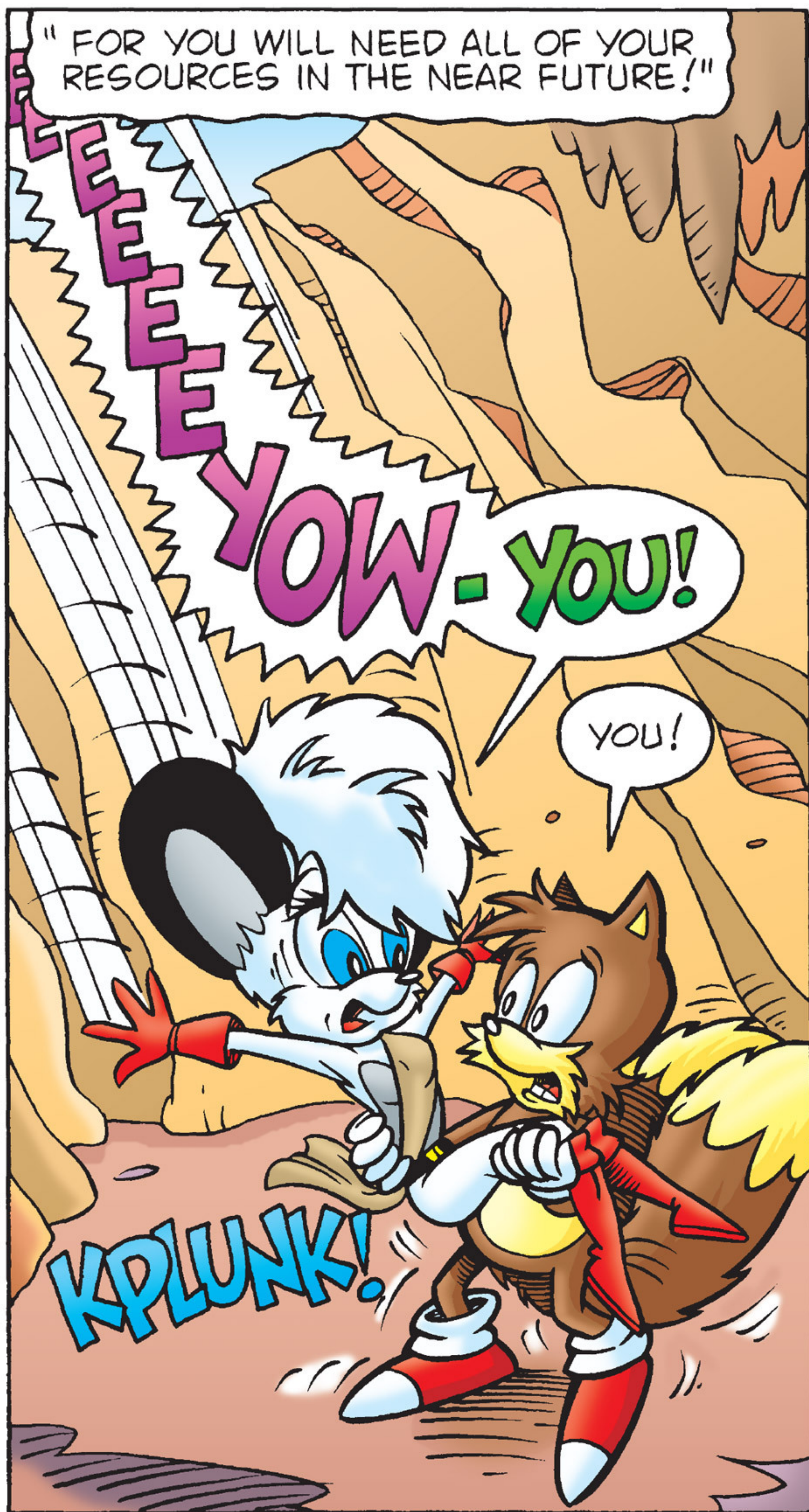
WELL, WELL! THAT WAS A VERY INTERESTING STORY...

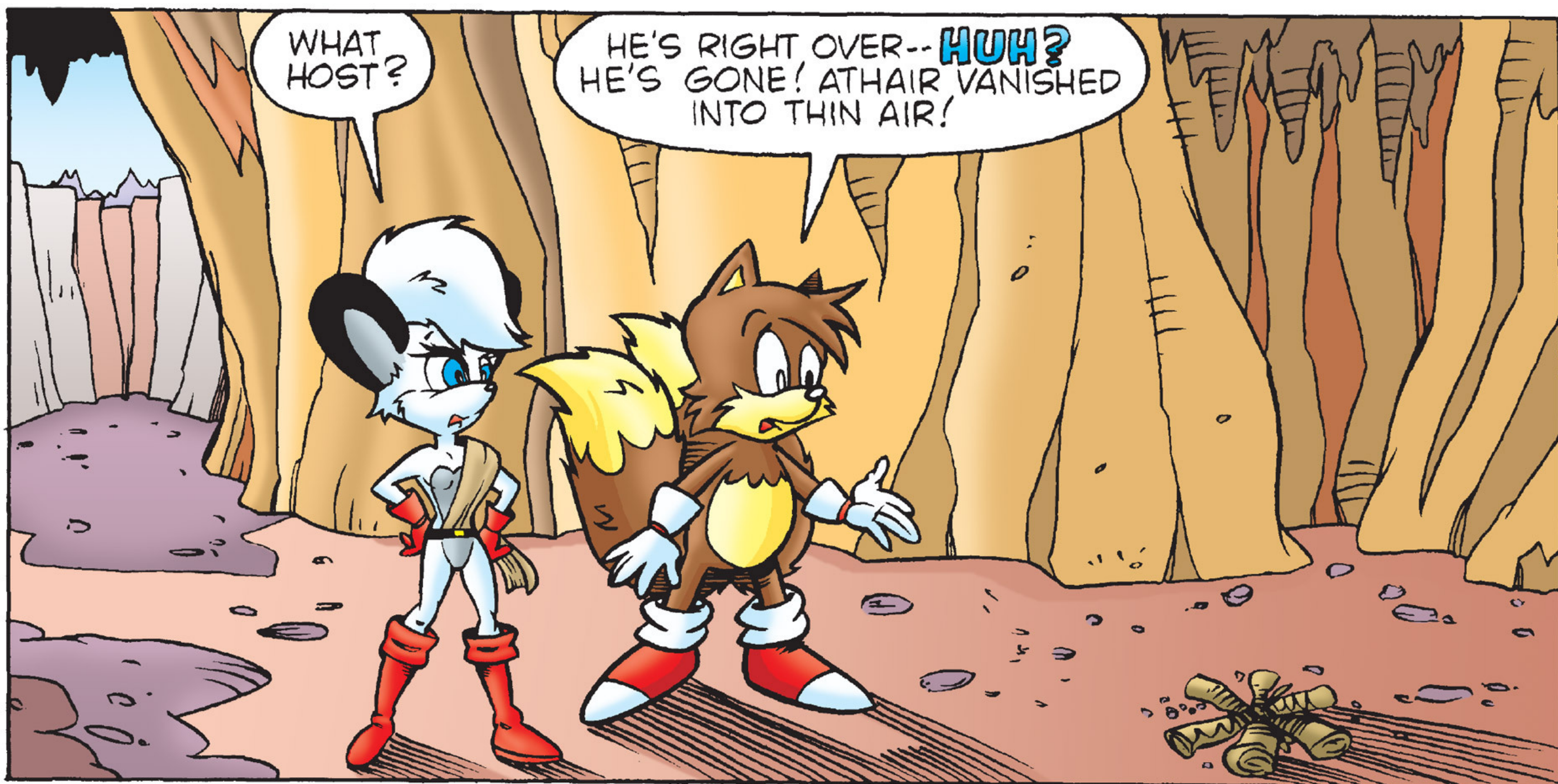


...TAILS!

HUH? WHA--WHO?.. WH-WHERE AM I?!

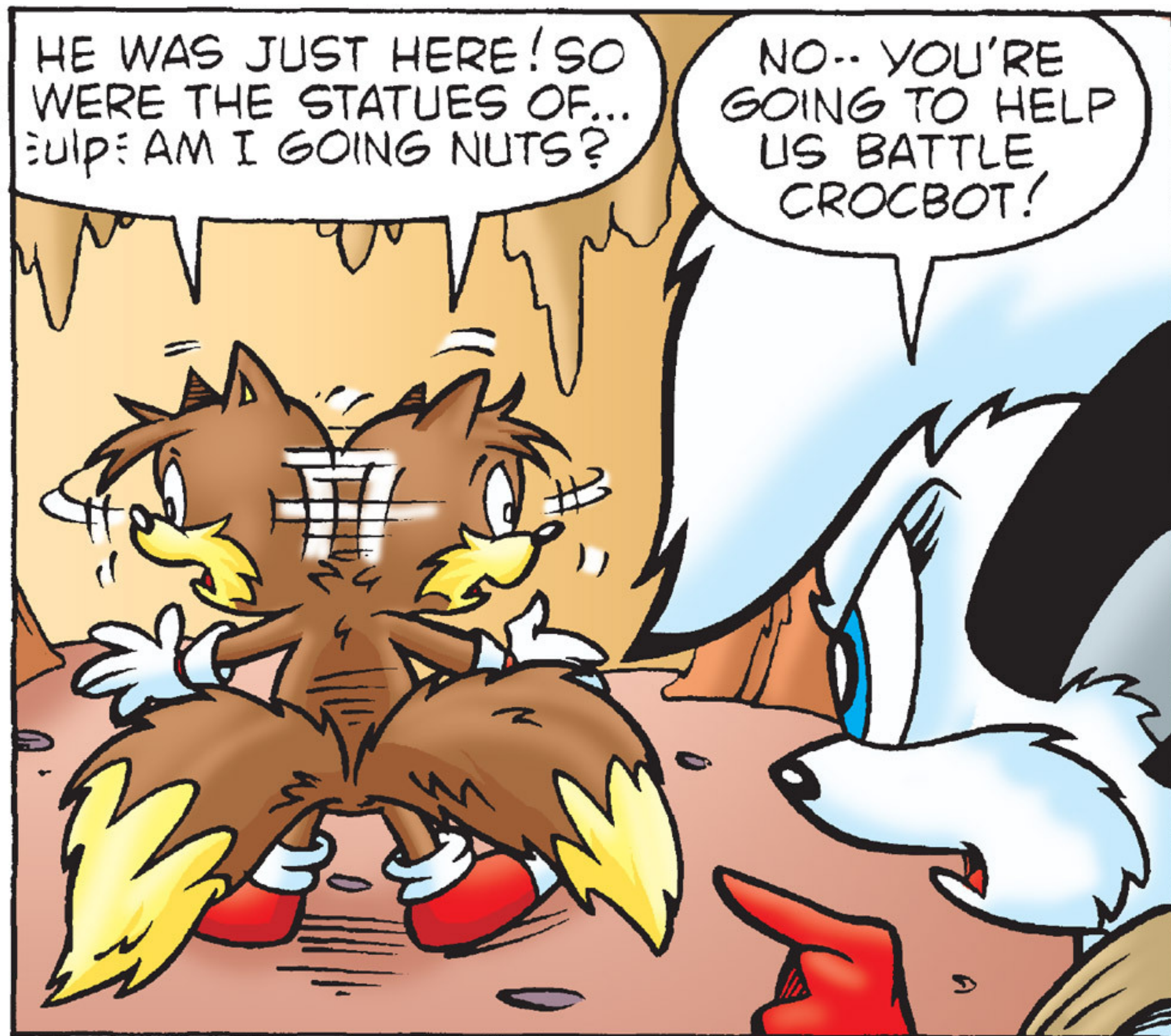






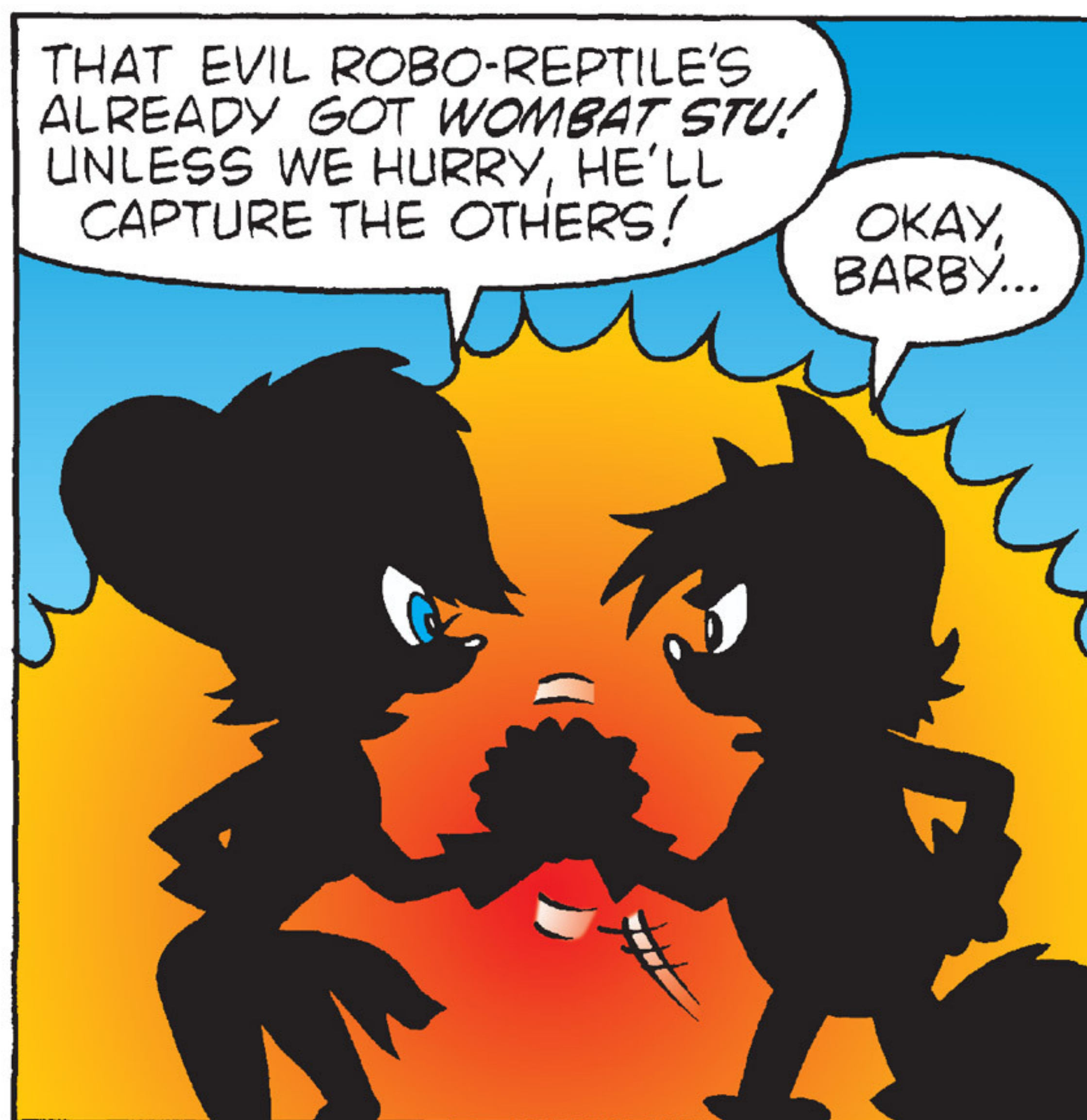
WHAT HOST?

HE'S RIGHT OVER-- **HUH?**
HE'S GONE! ATHAIR VANISHED INTO THIN AIR!



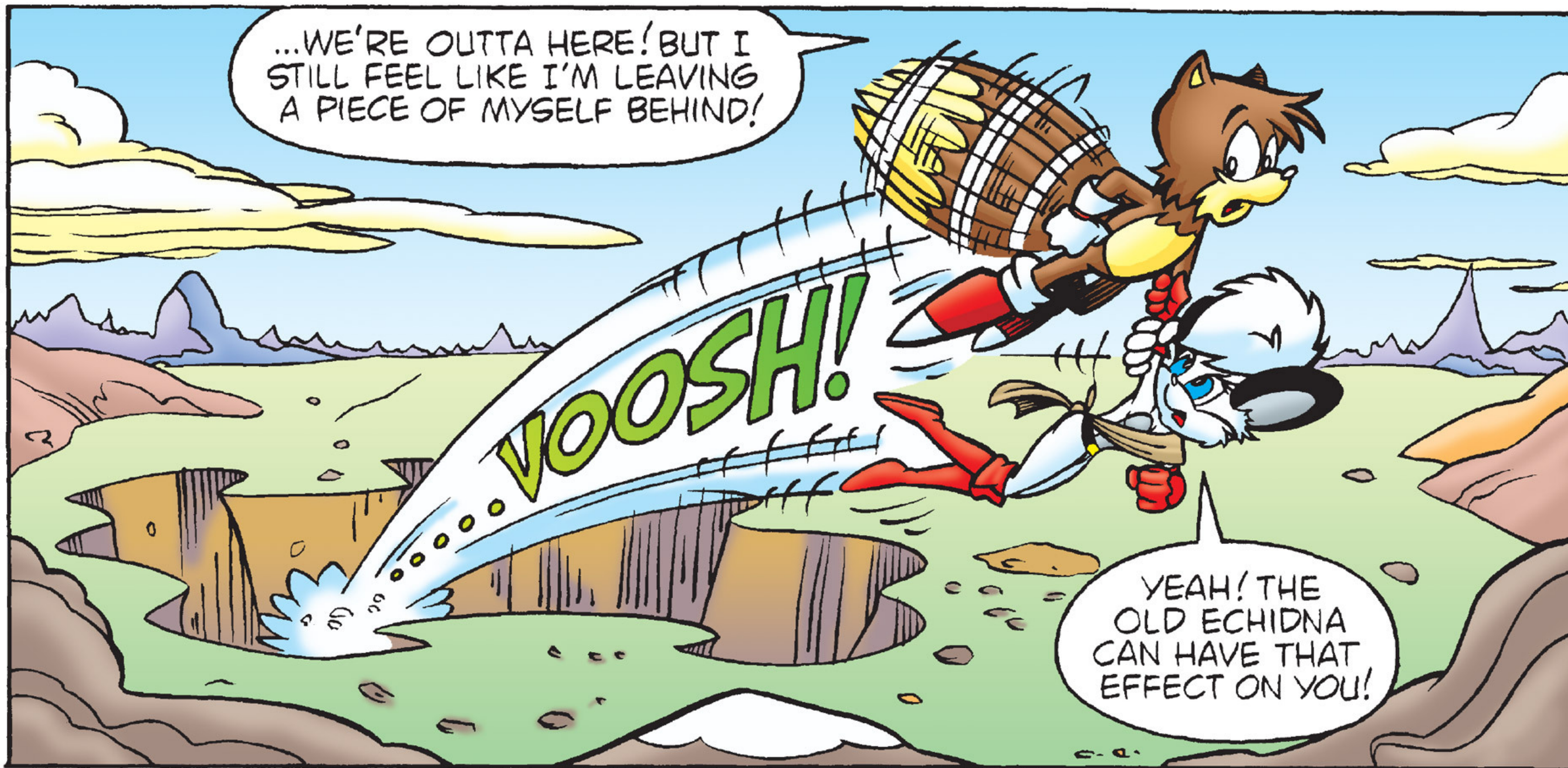
HE WAS JUST HERE! SO WERE THE STATUES OF... EUIP: AM I GOING NUTS?

NO-- YOU'RE GOING TO HELP US BATTLE CROCBOT!



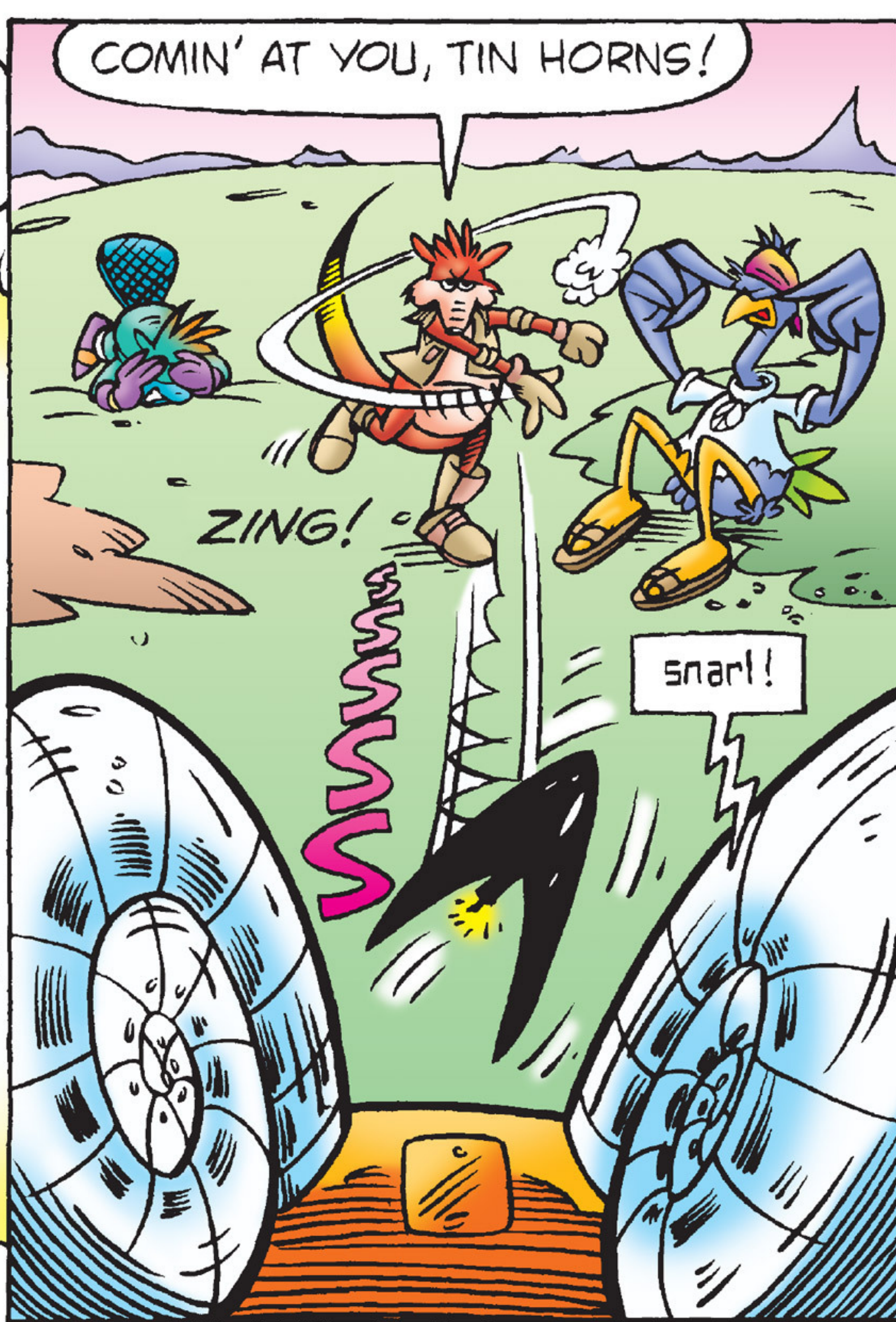
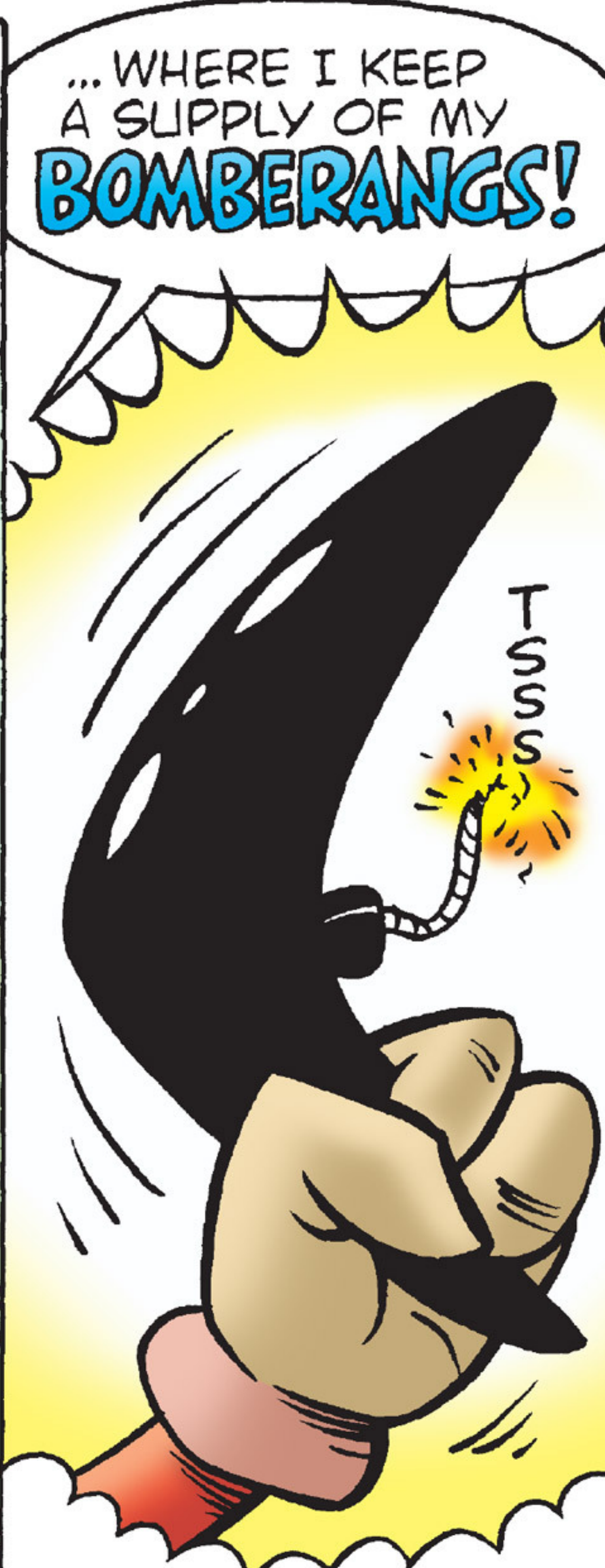
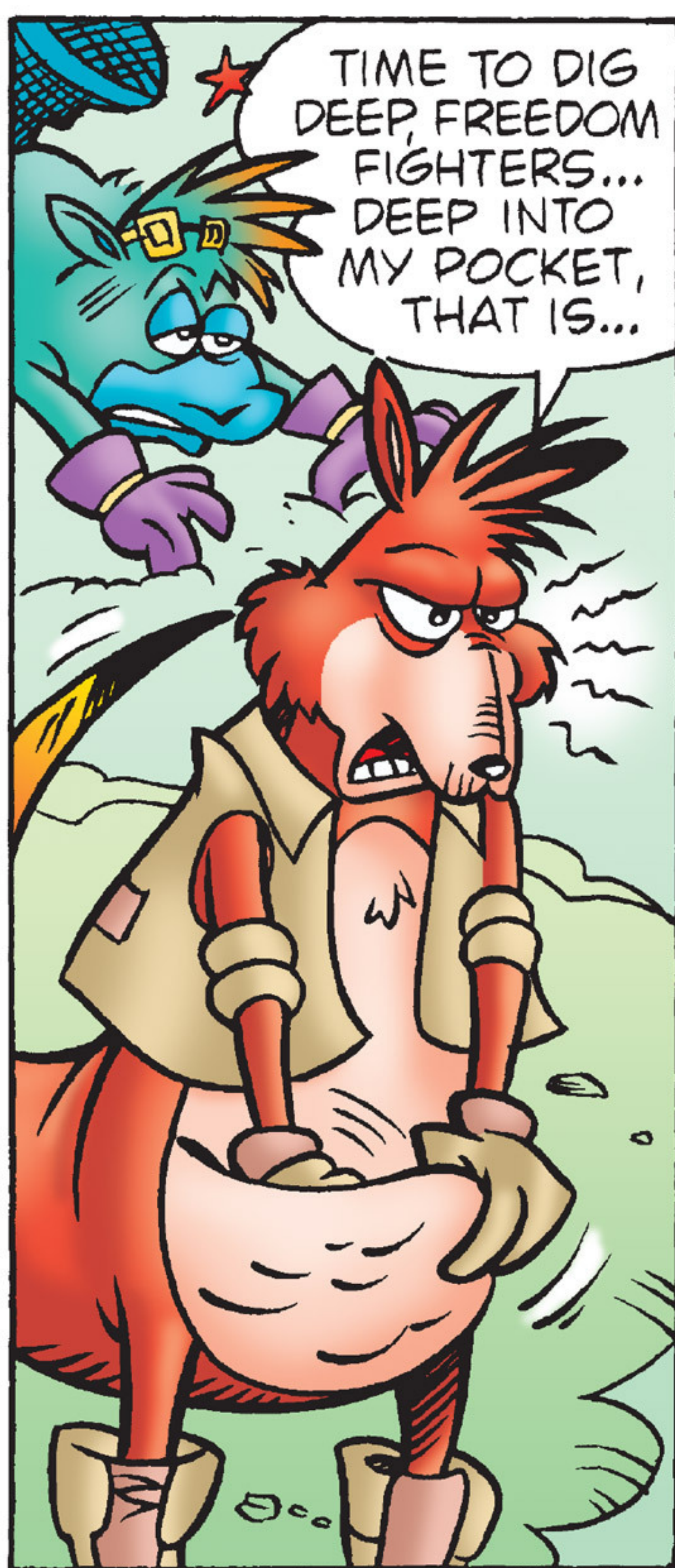
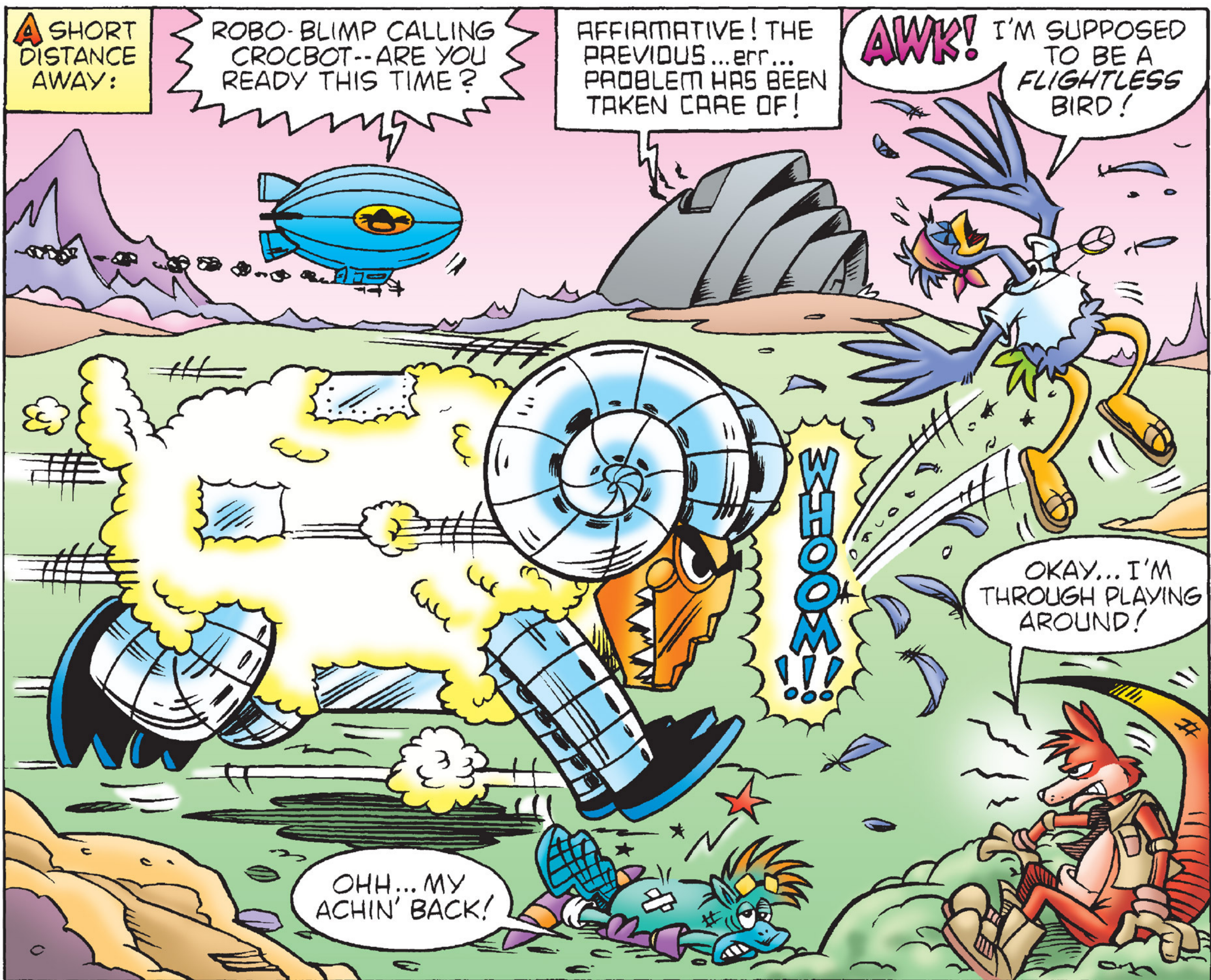
THAT EVIL ROBO-REPTILE'S ALREADY GOT WOMBAT STU! UNLESS WE HURRY, HE'LL CAPTURE THE OTHERS!

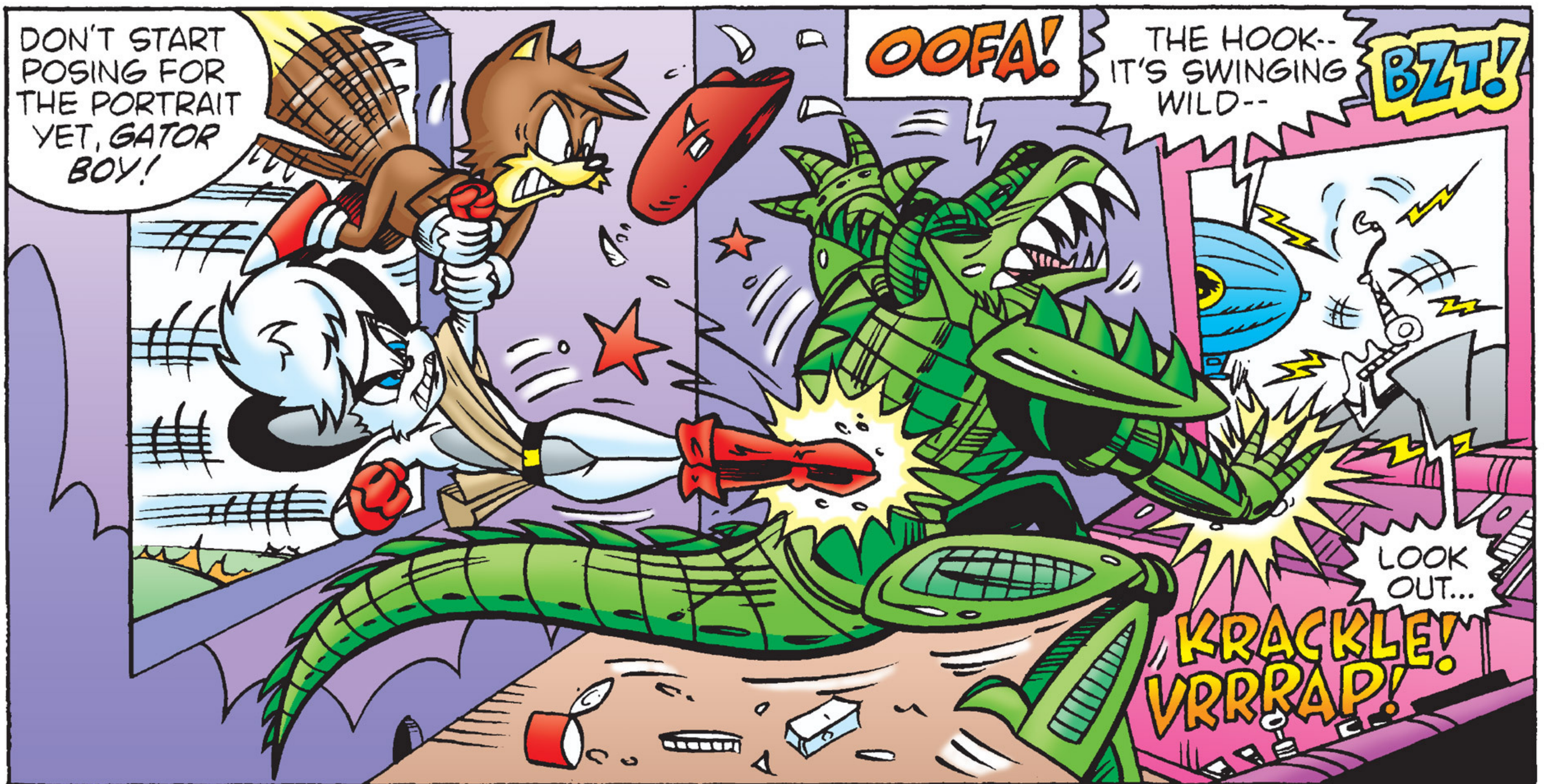
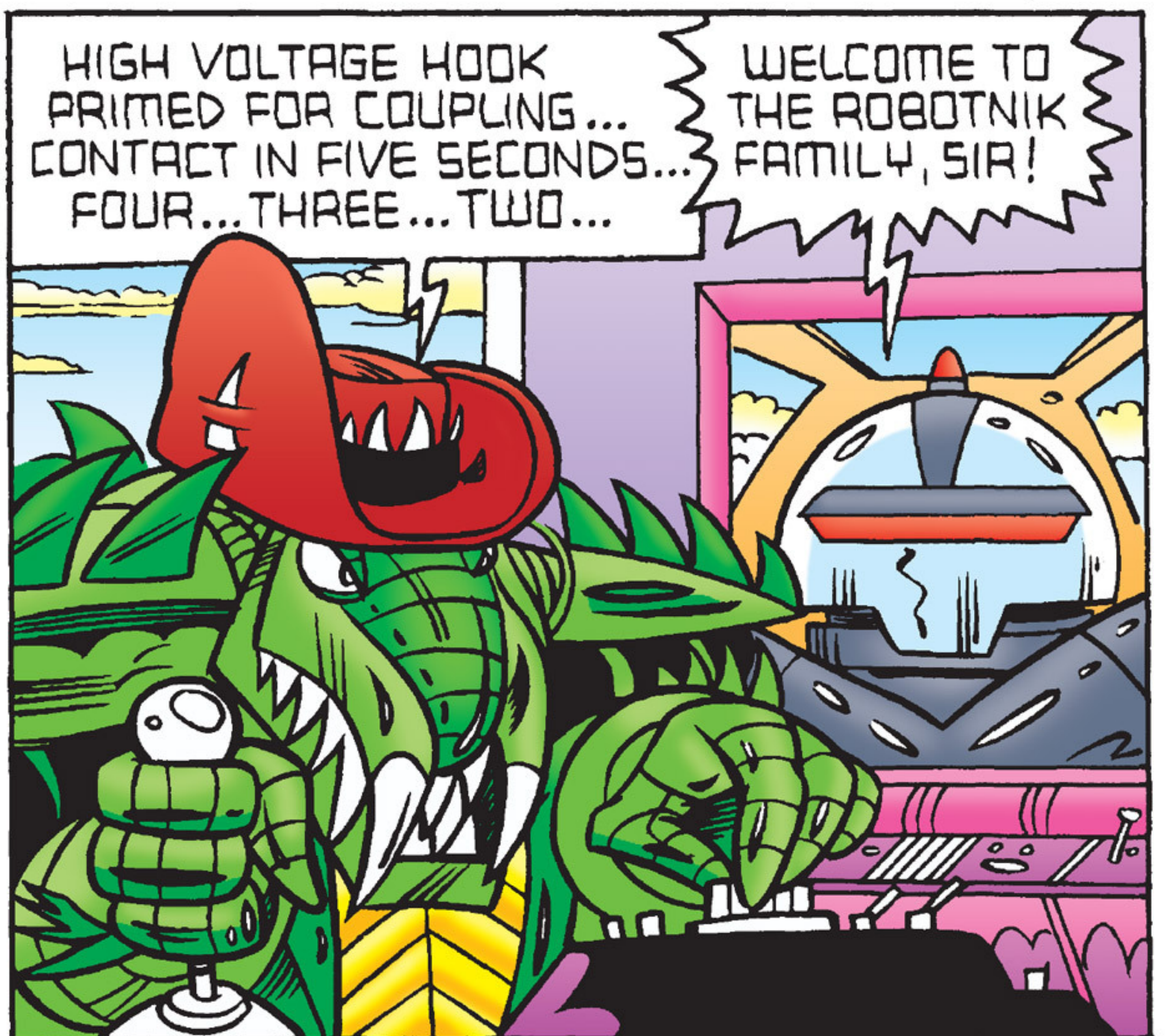
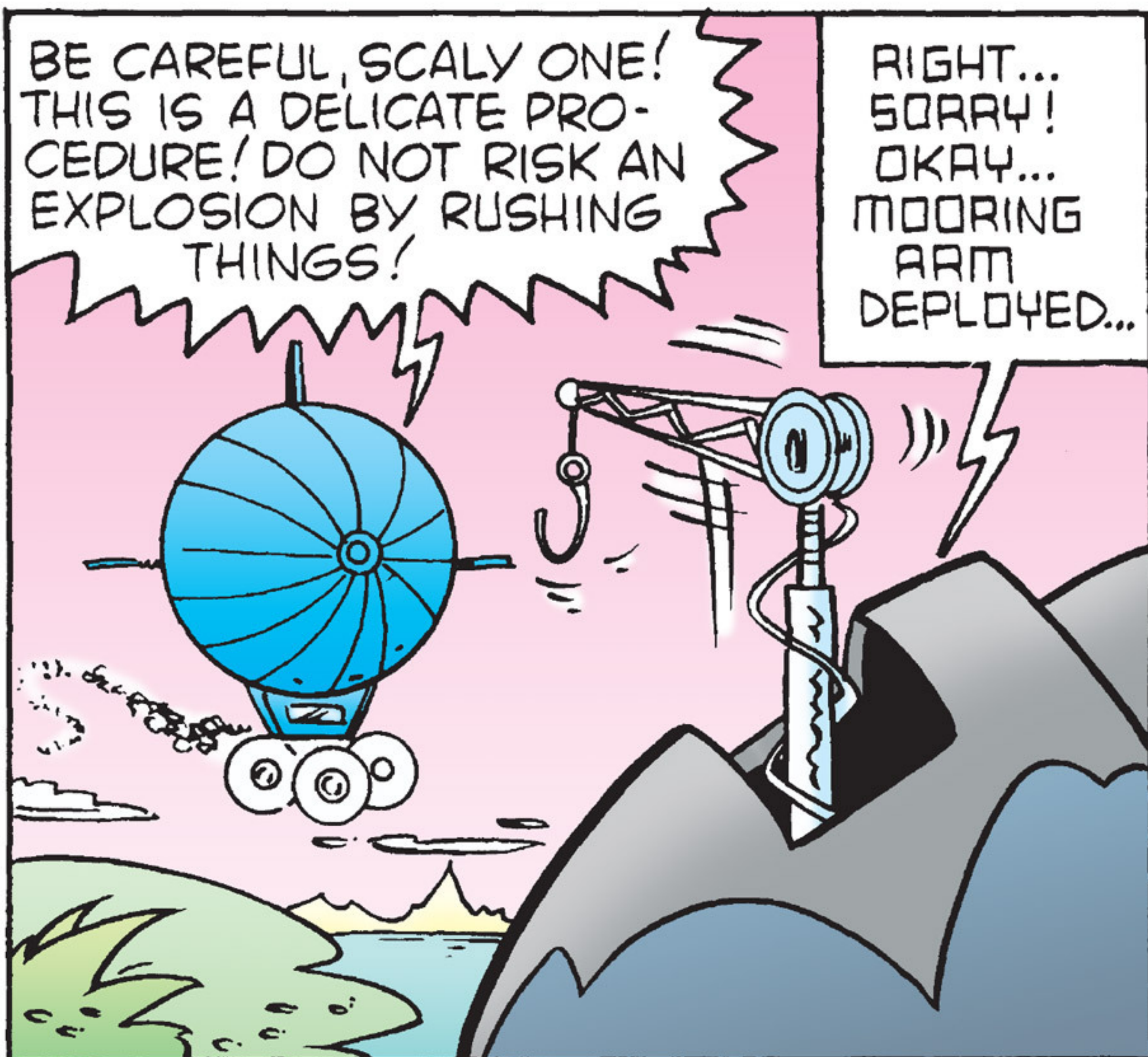
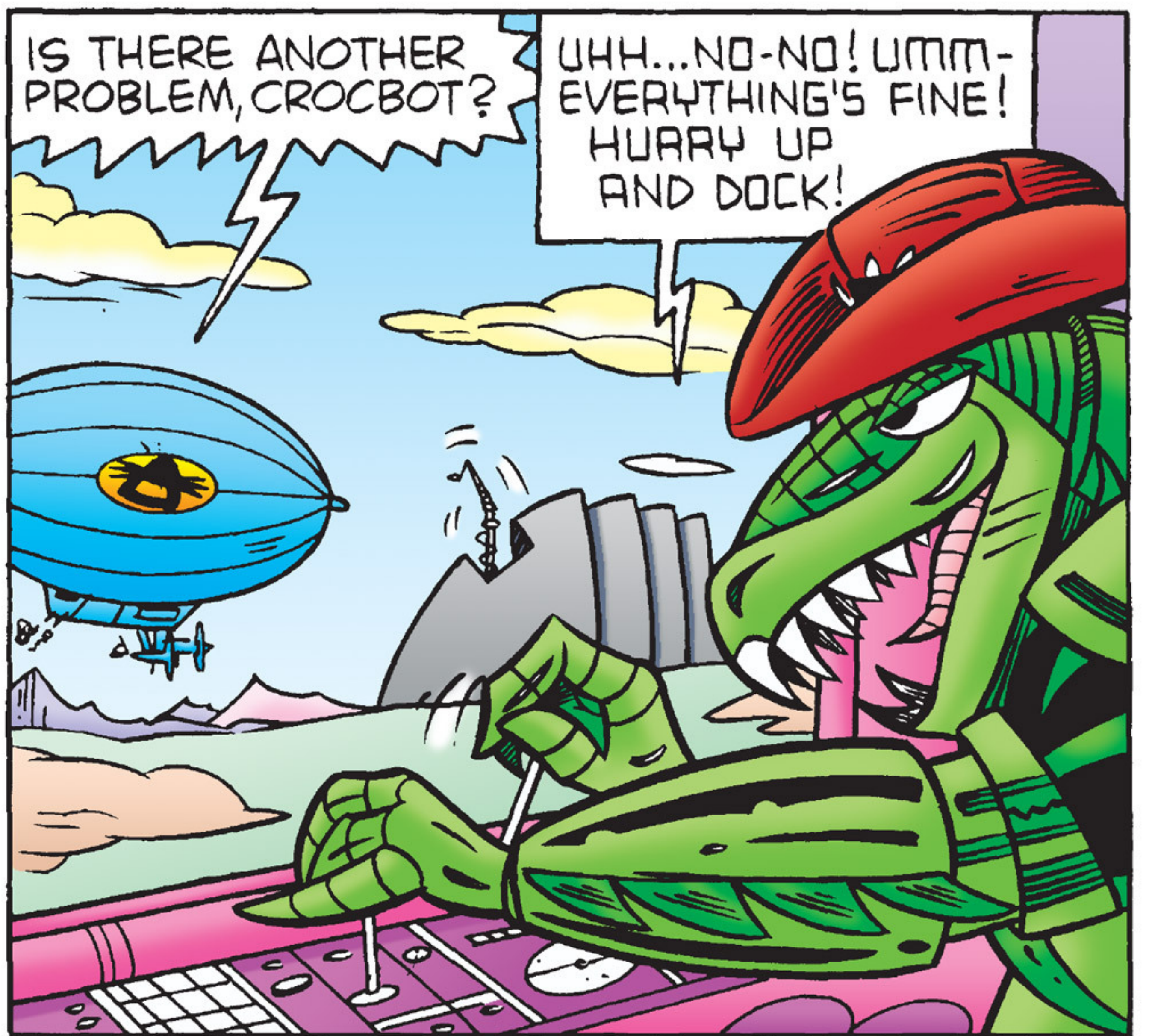
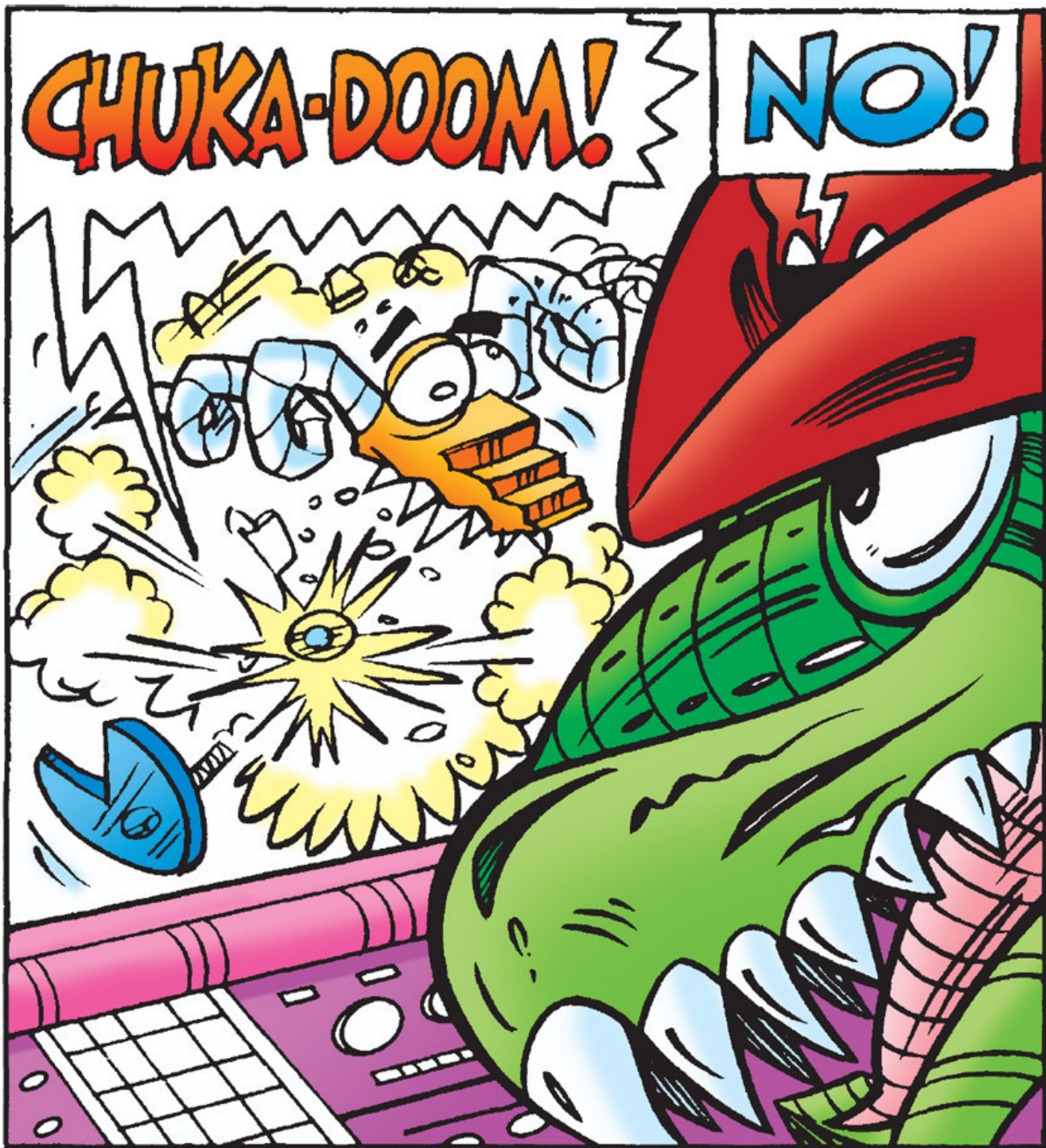
OKAY, BARBY...



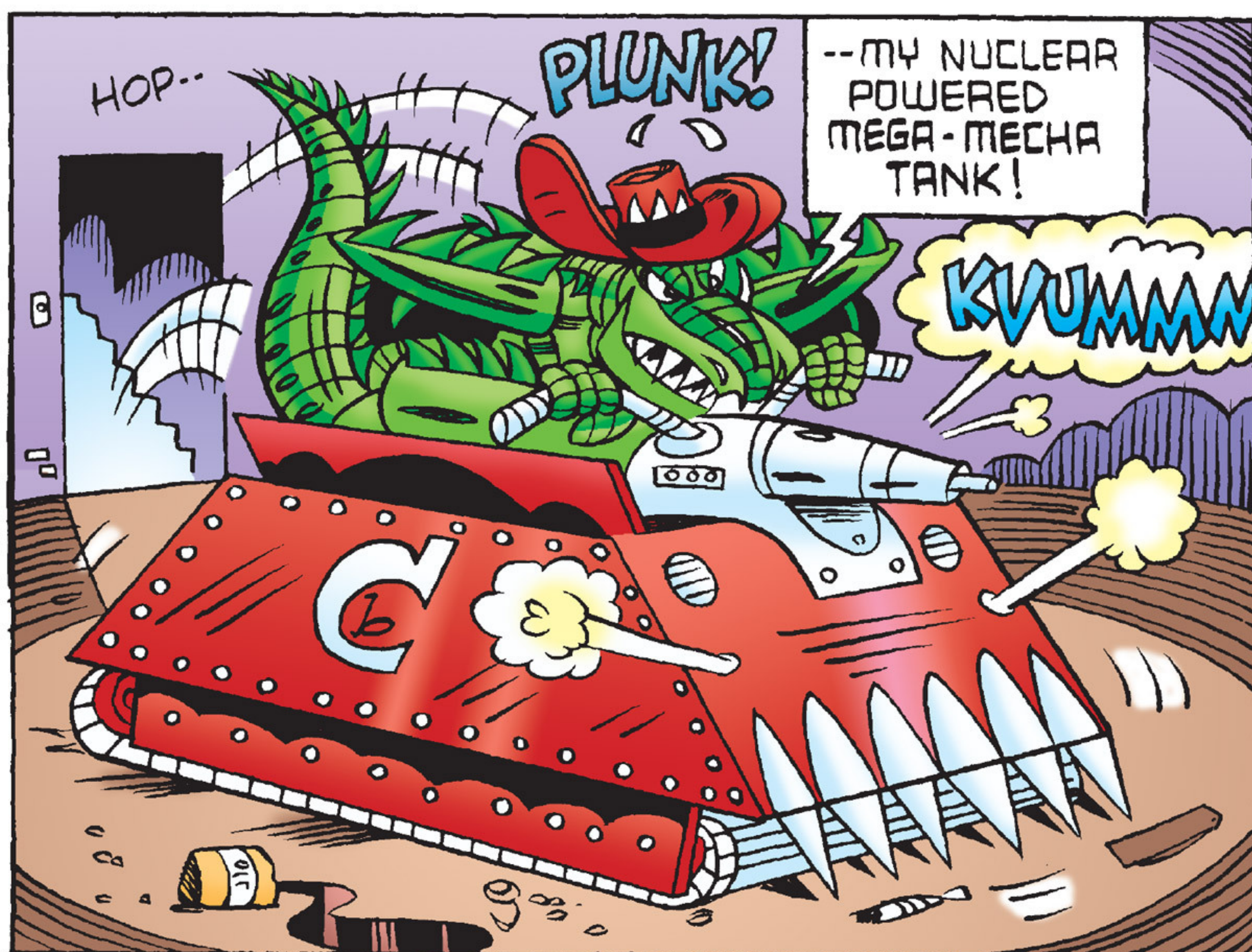
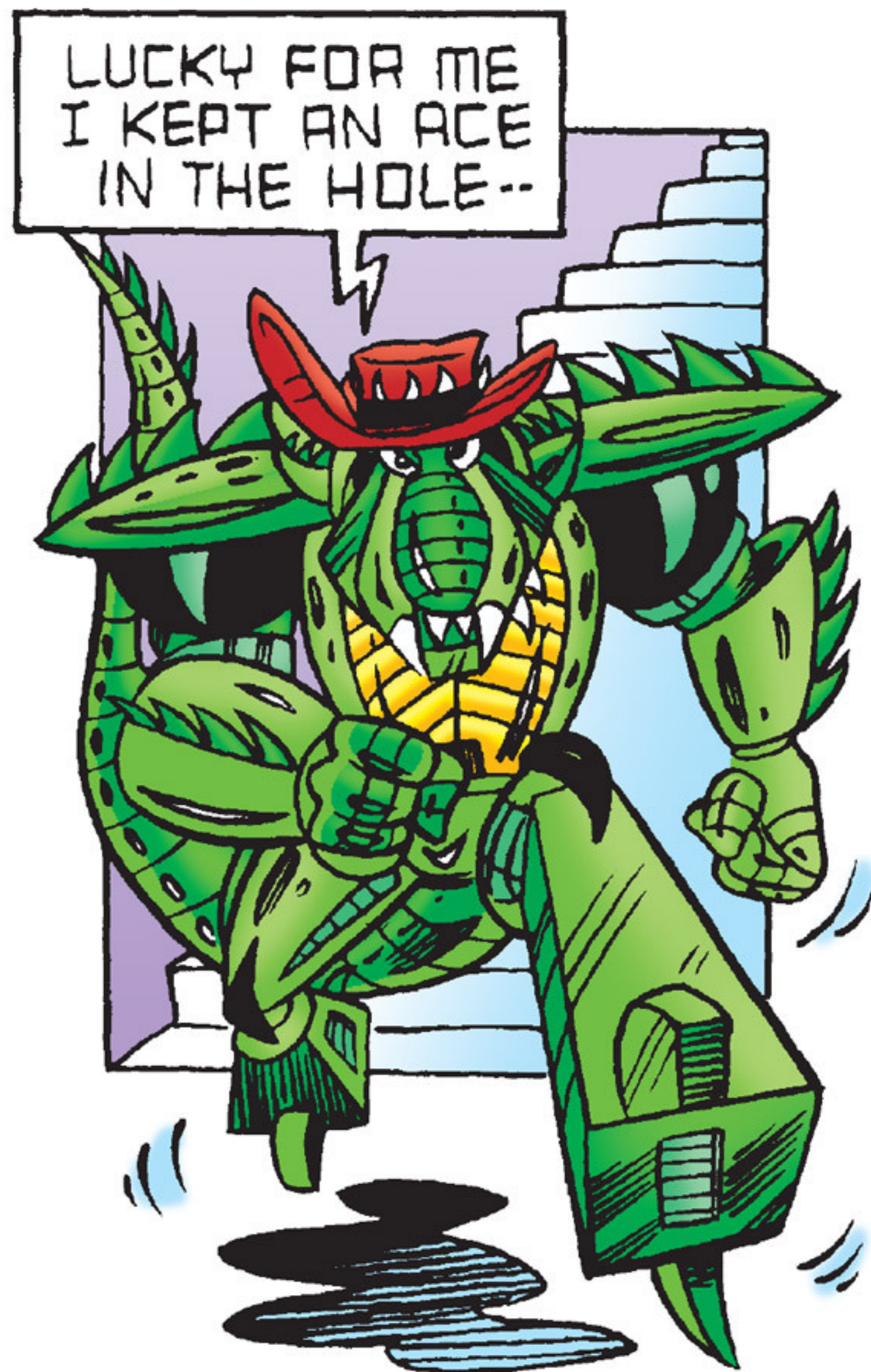
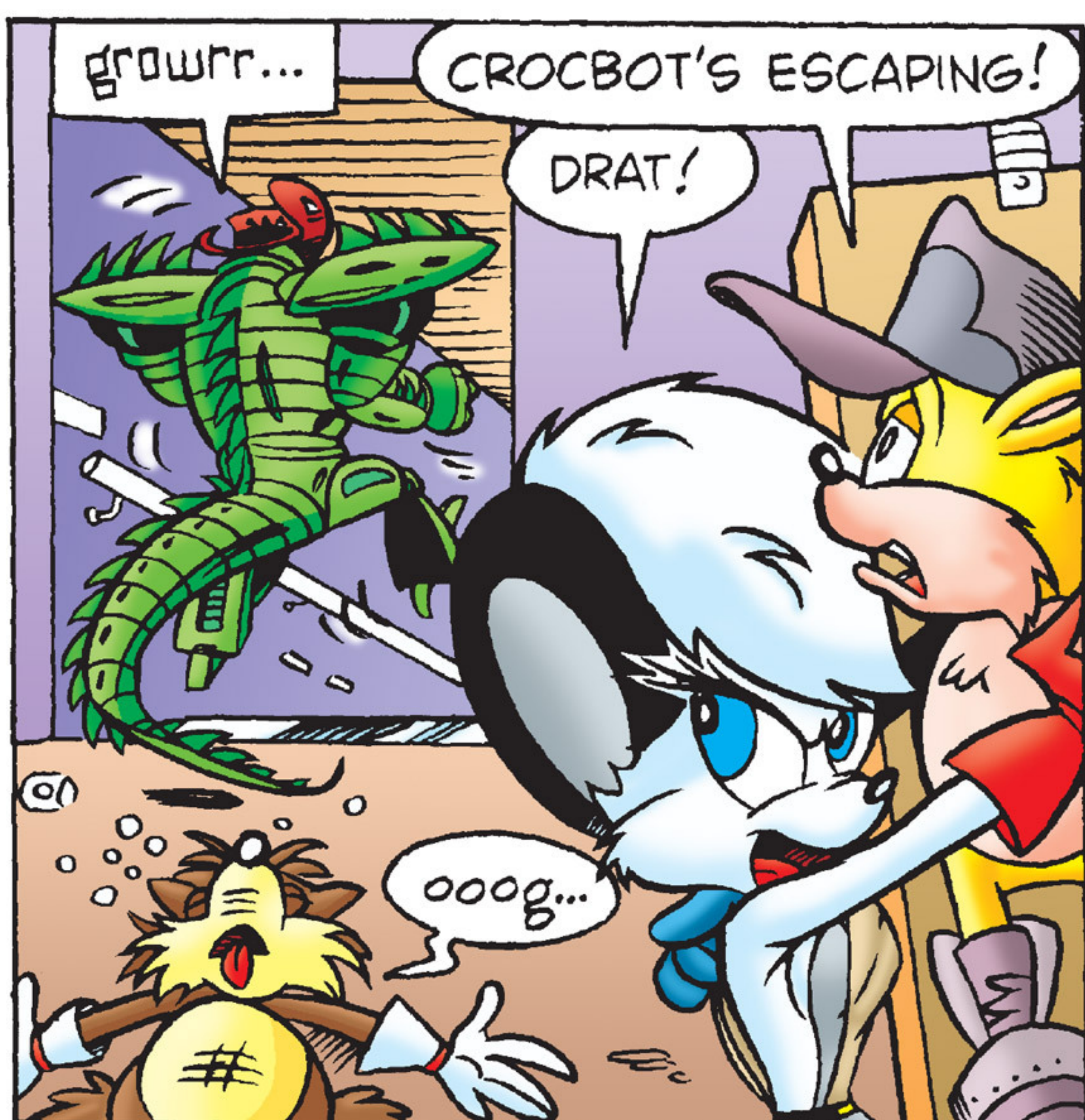
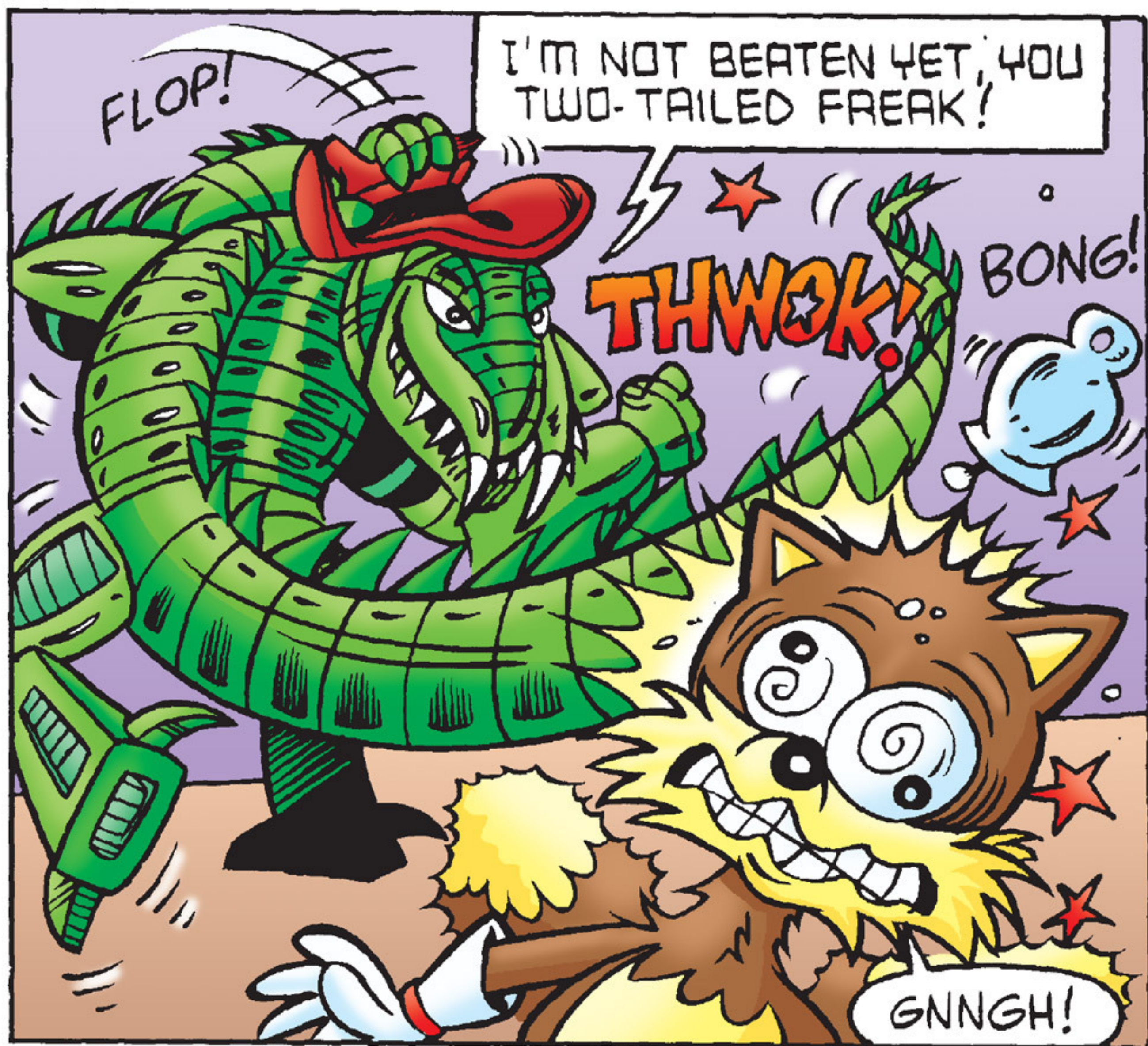
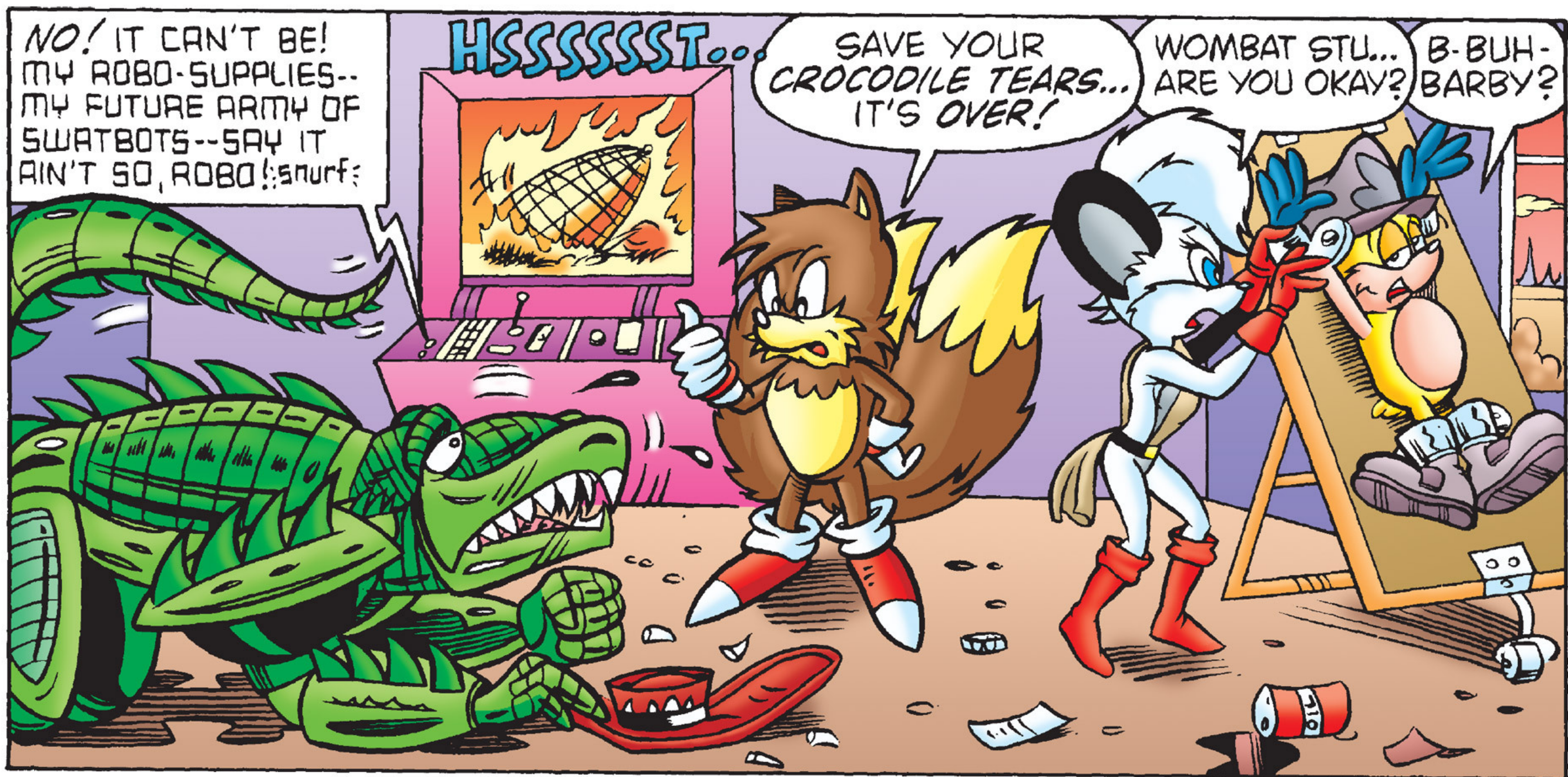
...WE'RE OUTTA HERE! BUT I STILL FEEL LIKE I'M LEAVING A PIECE OF MYSELF BEHIND!

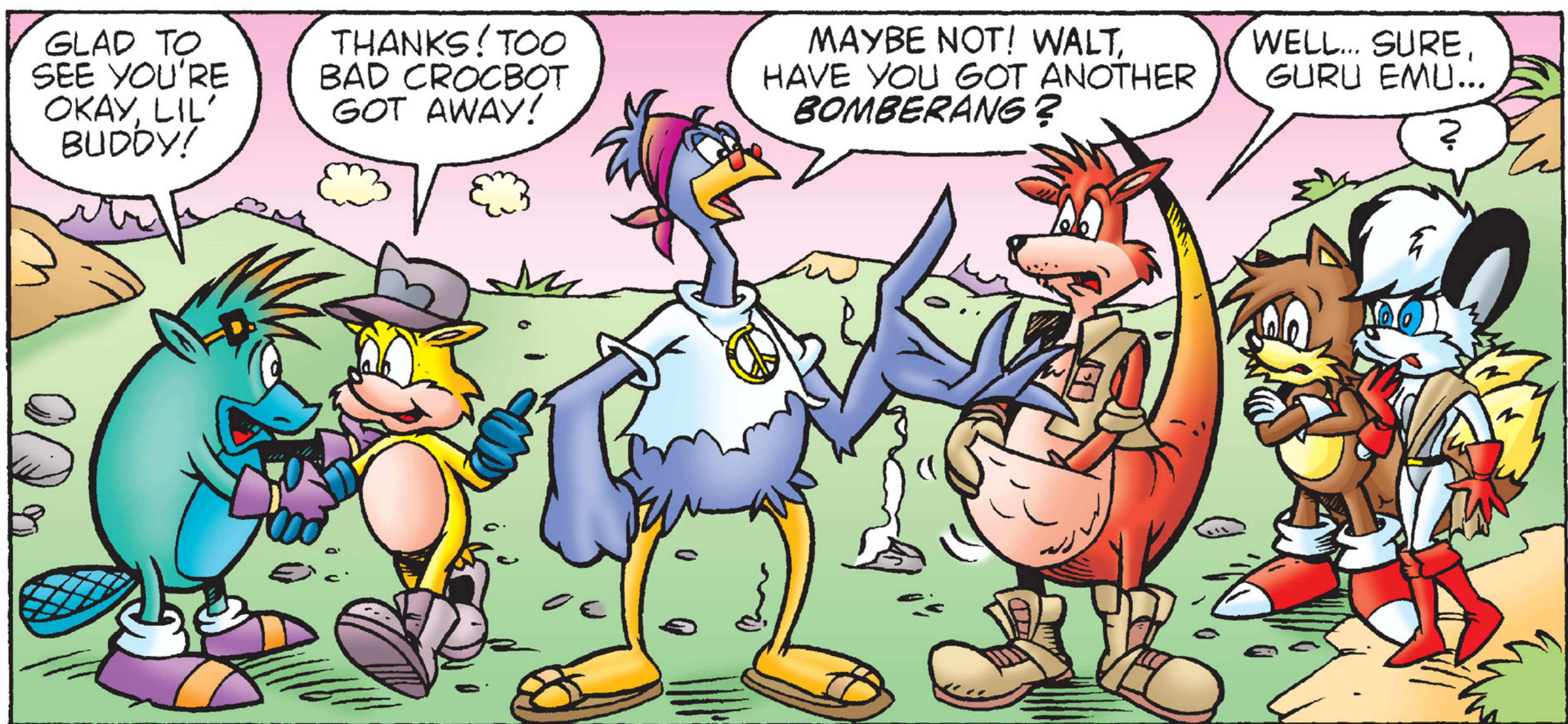
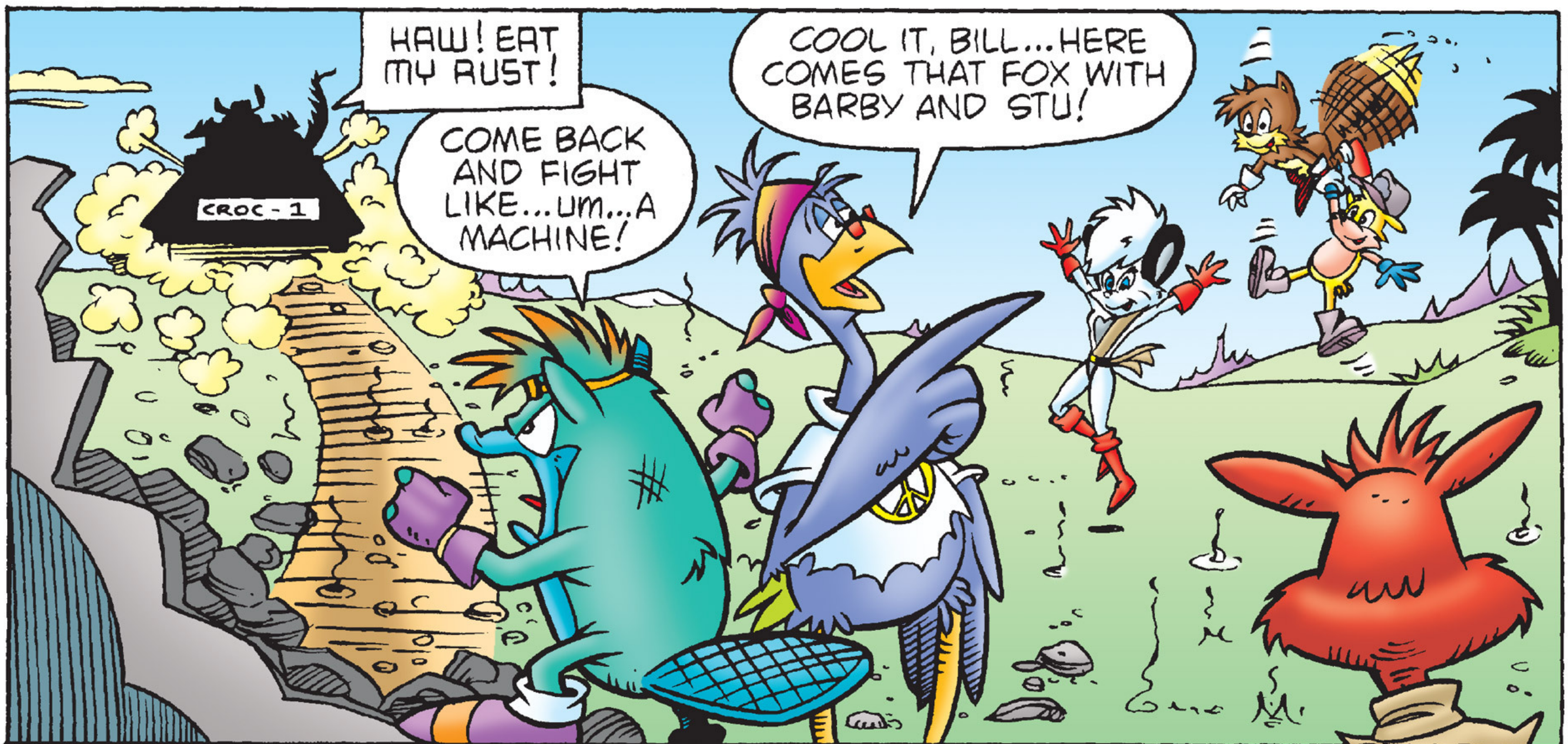
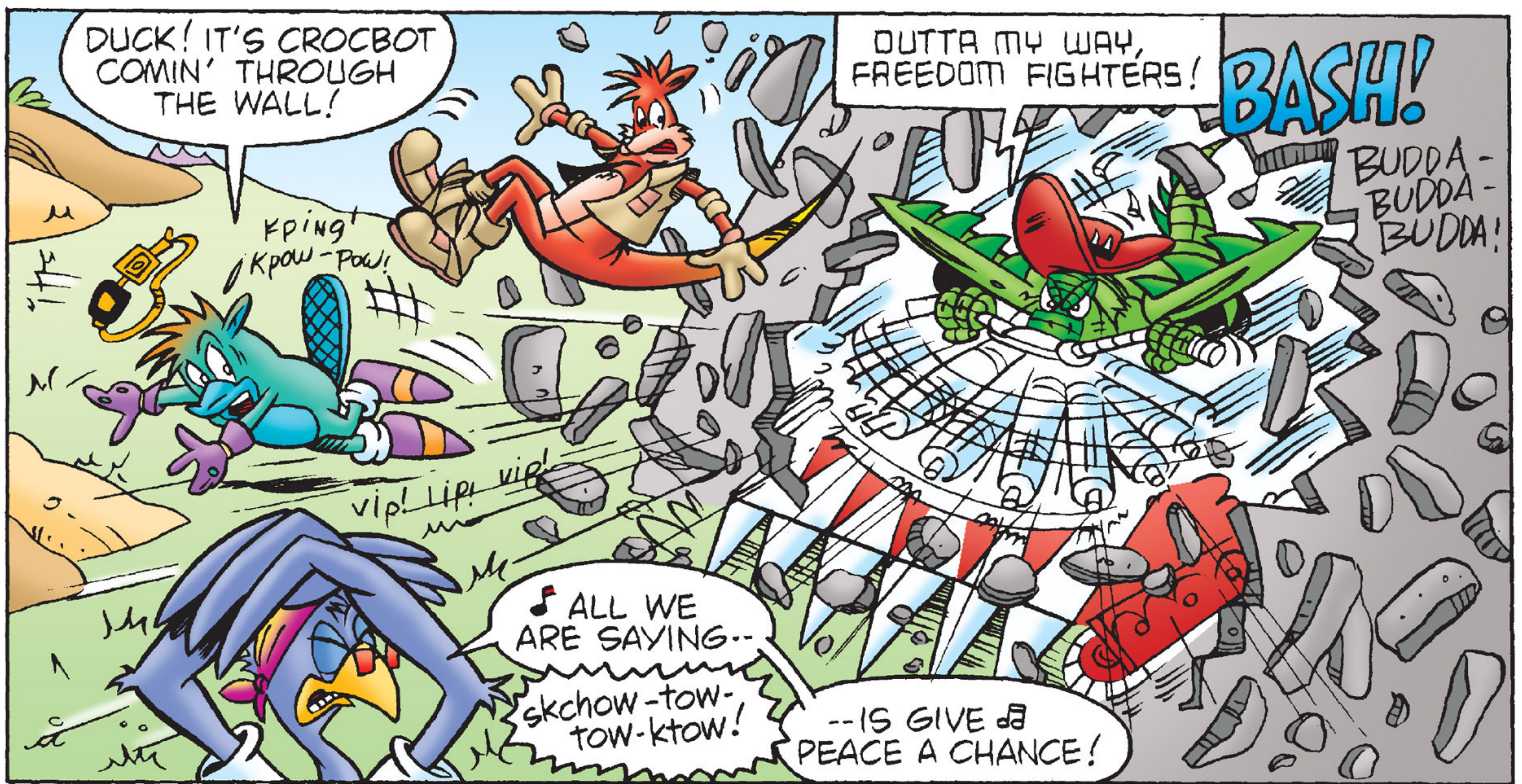
YEAH! THE OLD ECHIDNA CAN HAVE THAT EFFECT ON YOU!

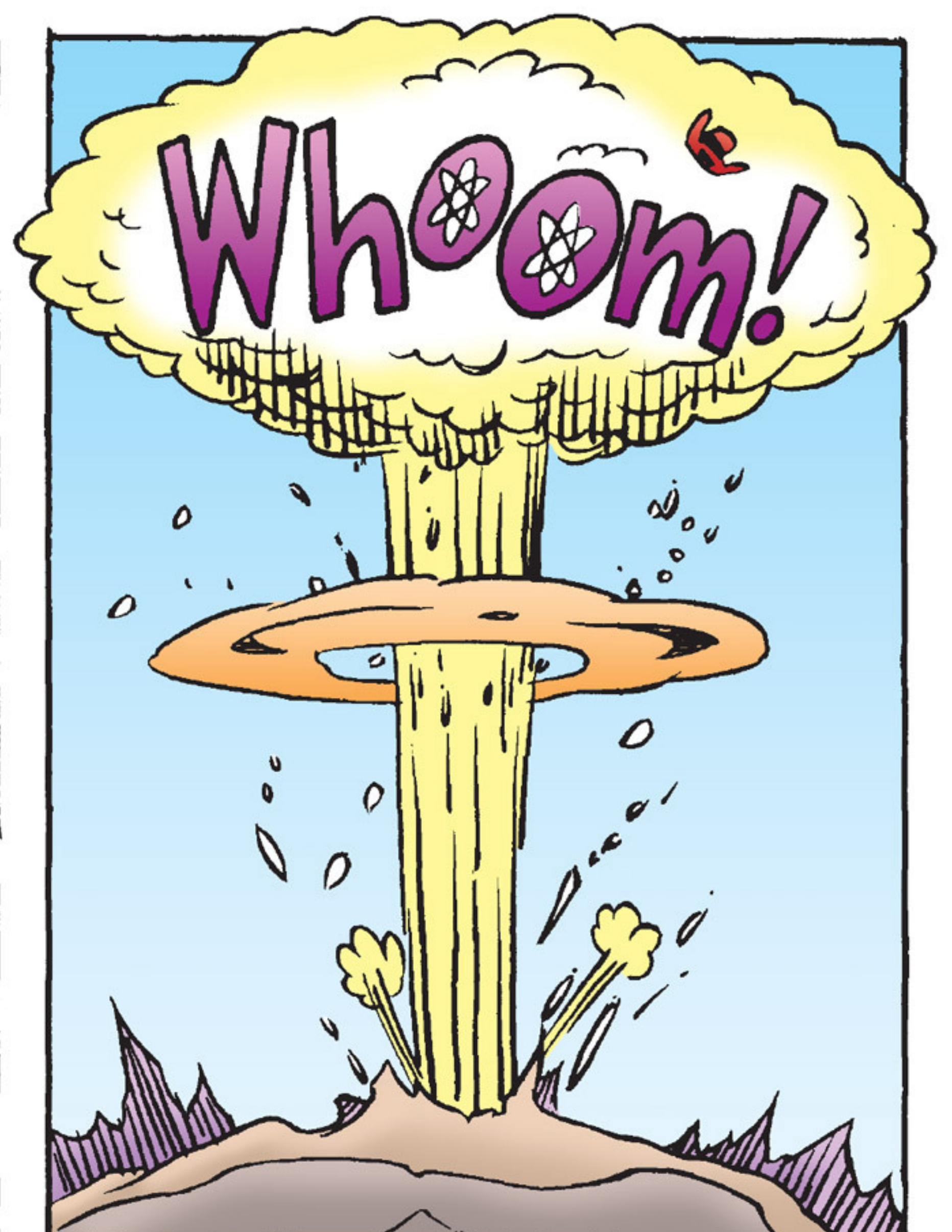
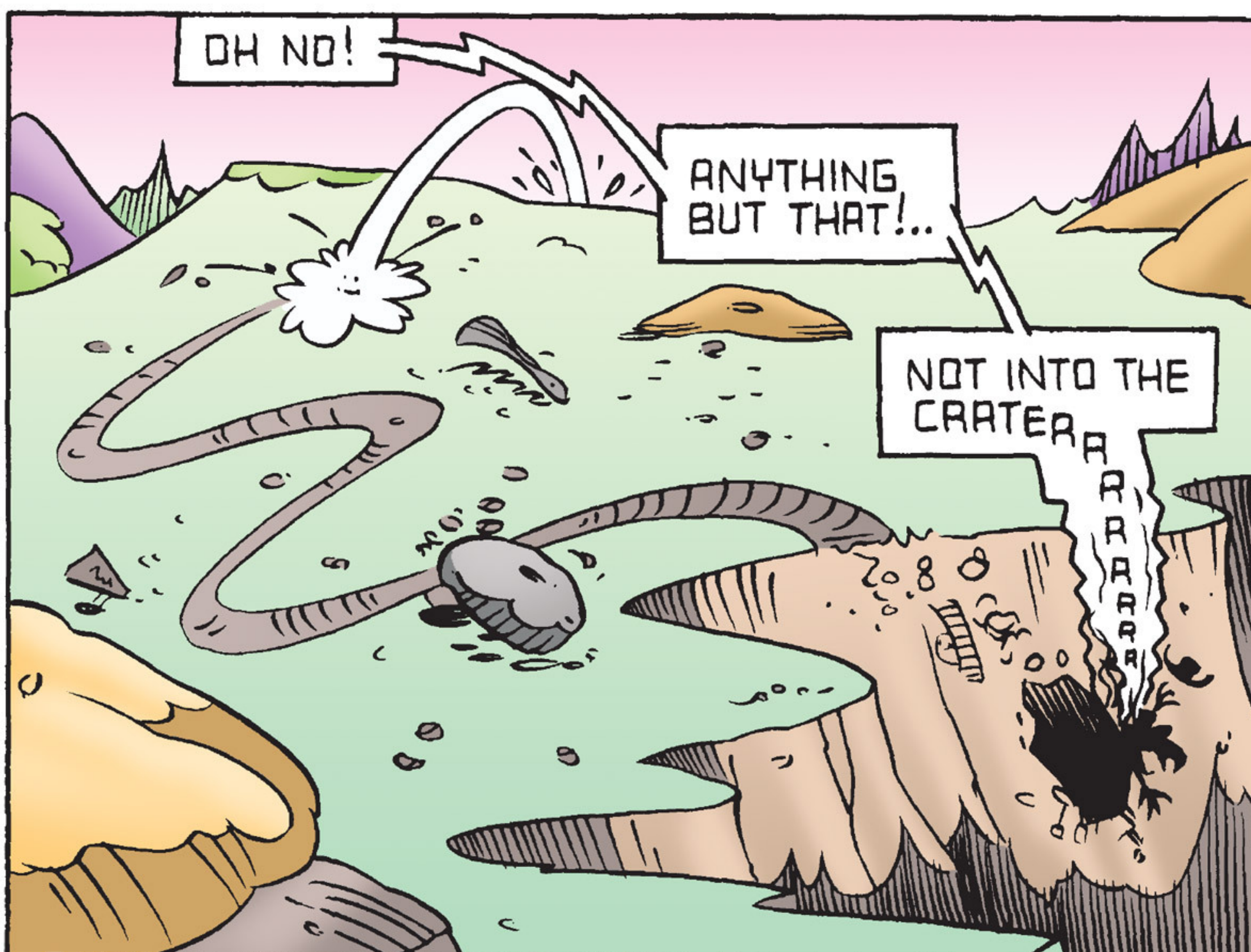
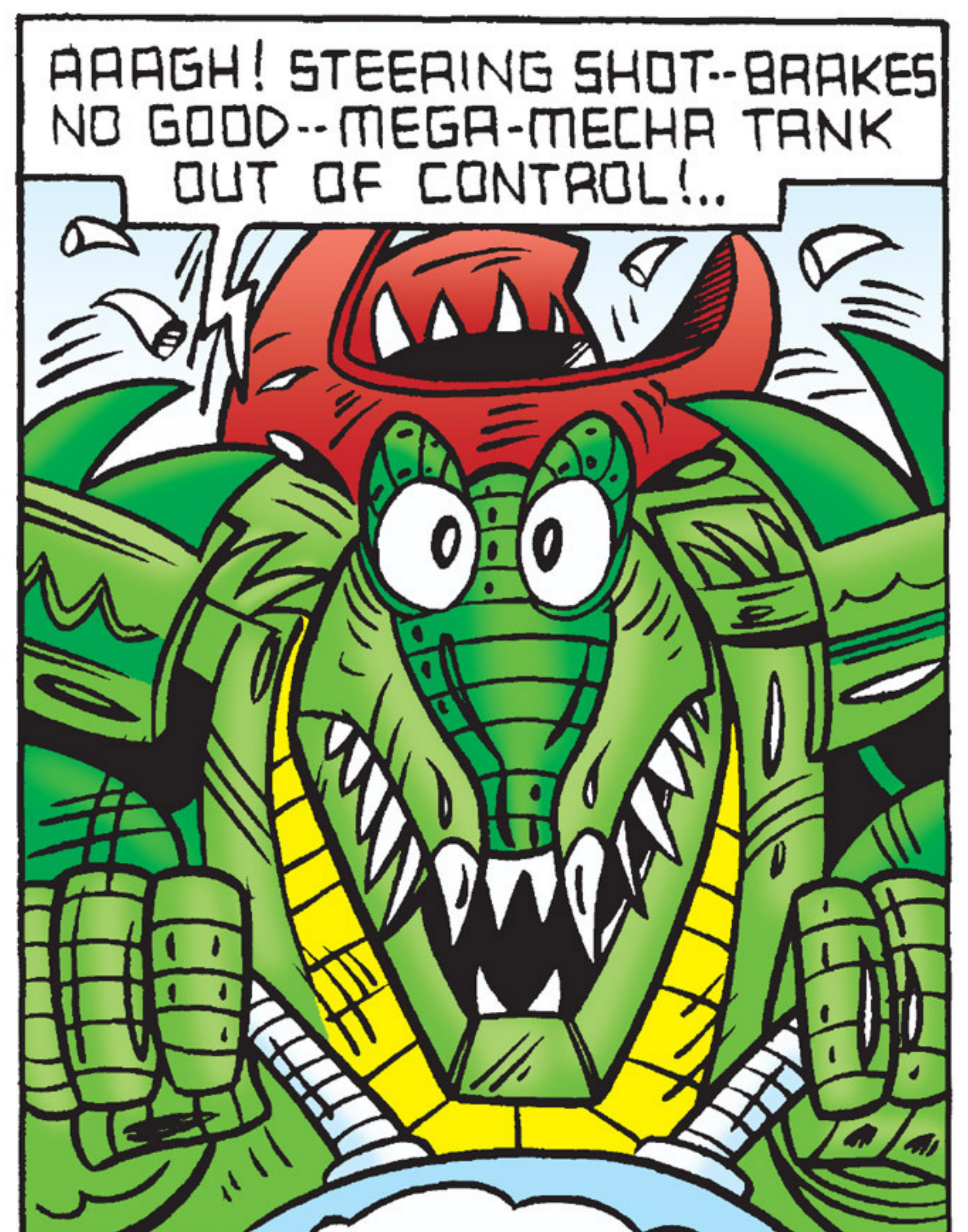
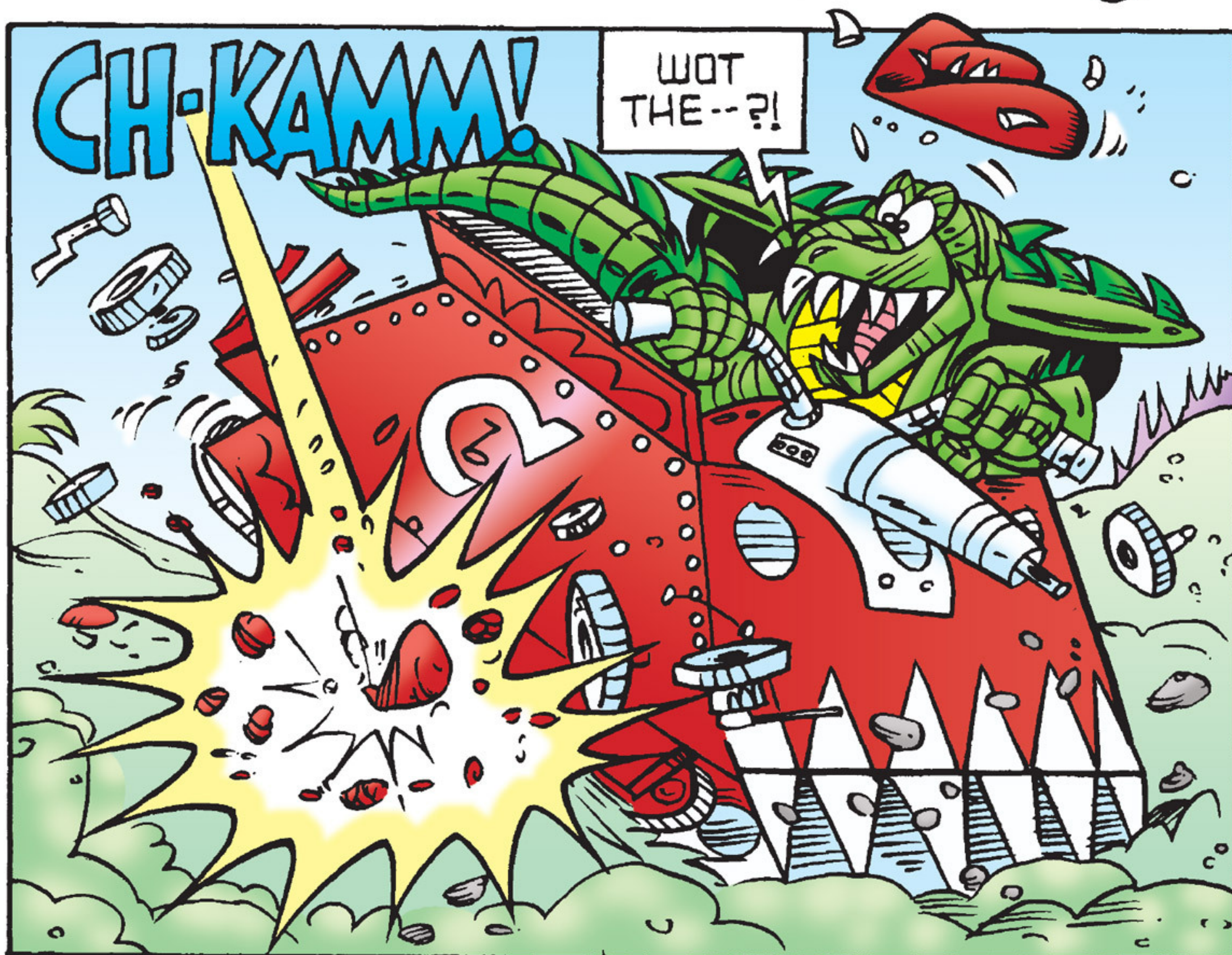
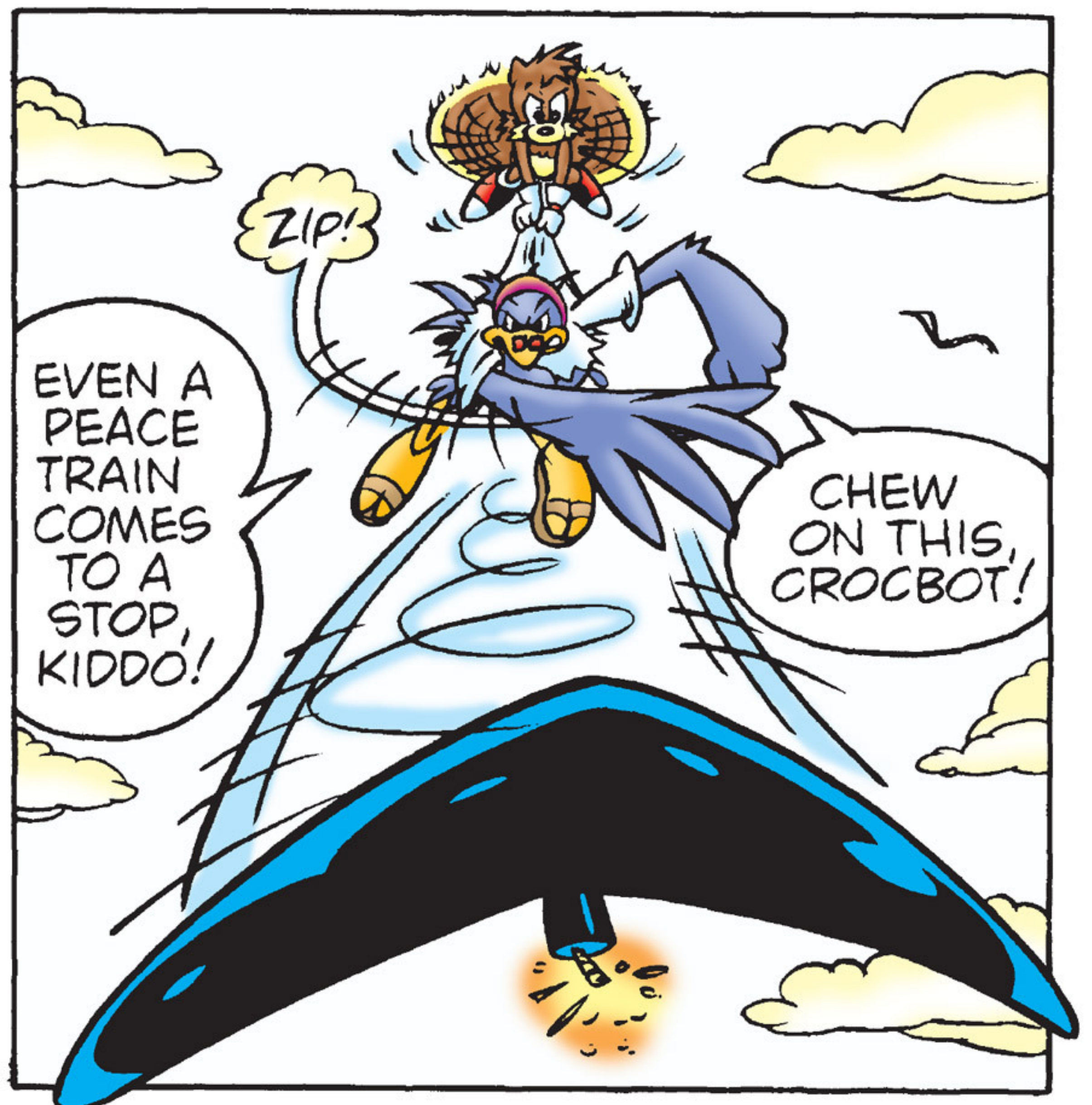
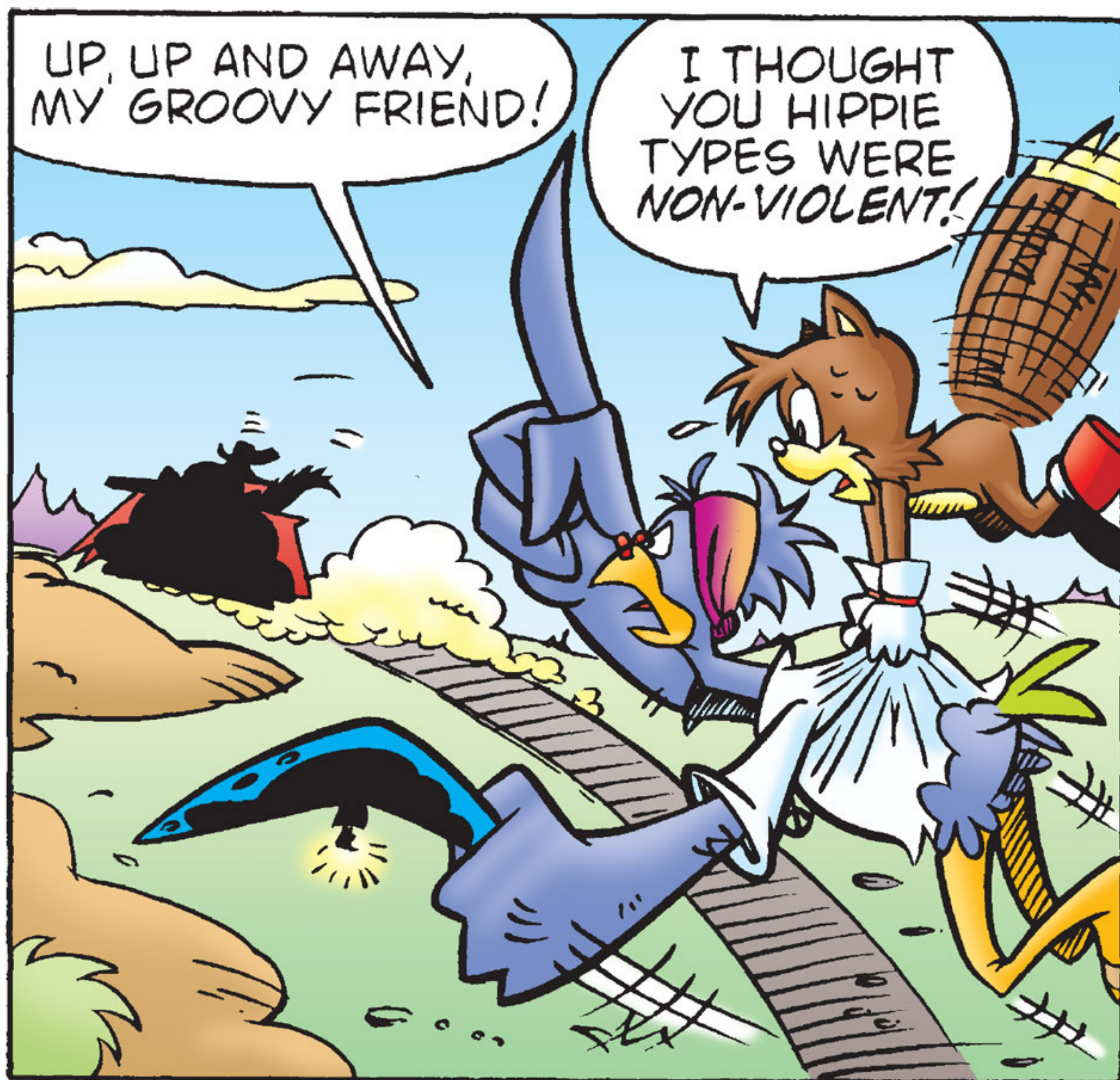


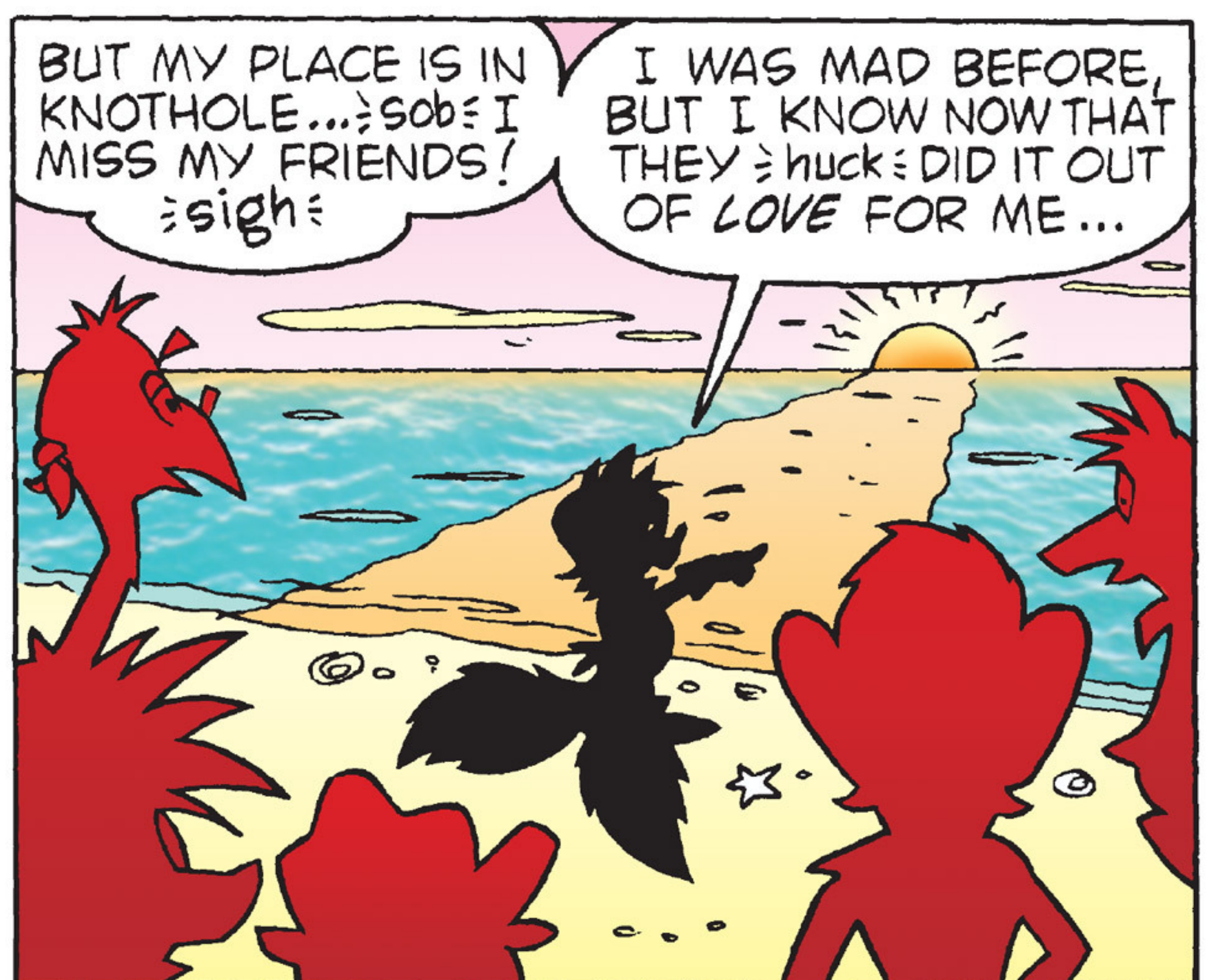
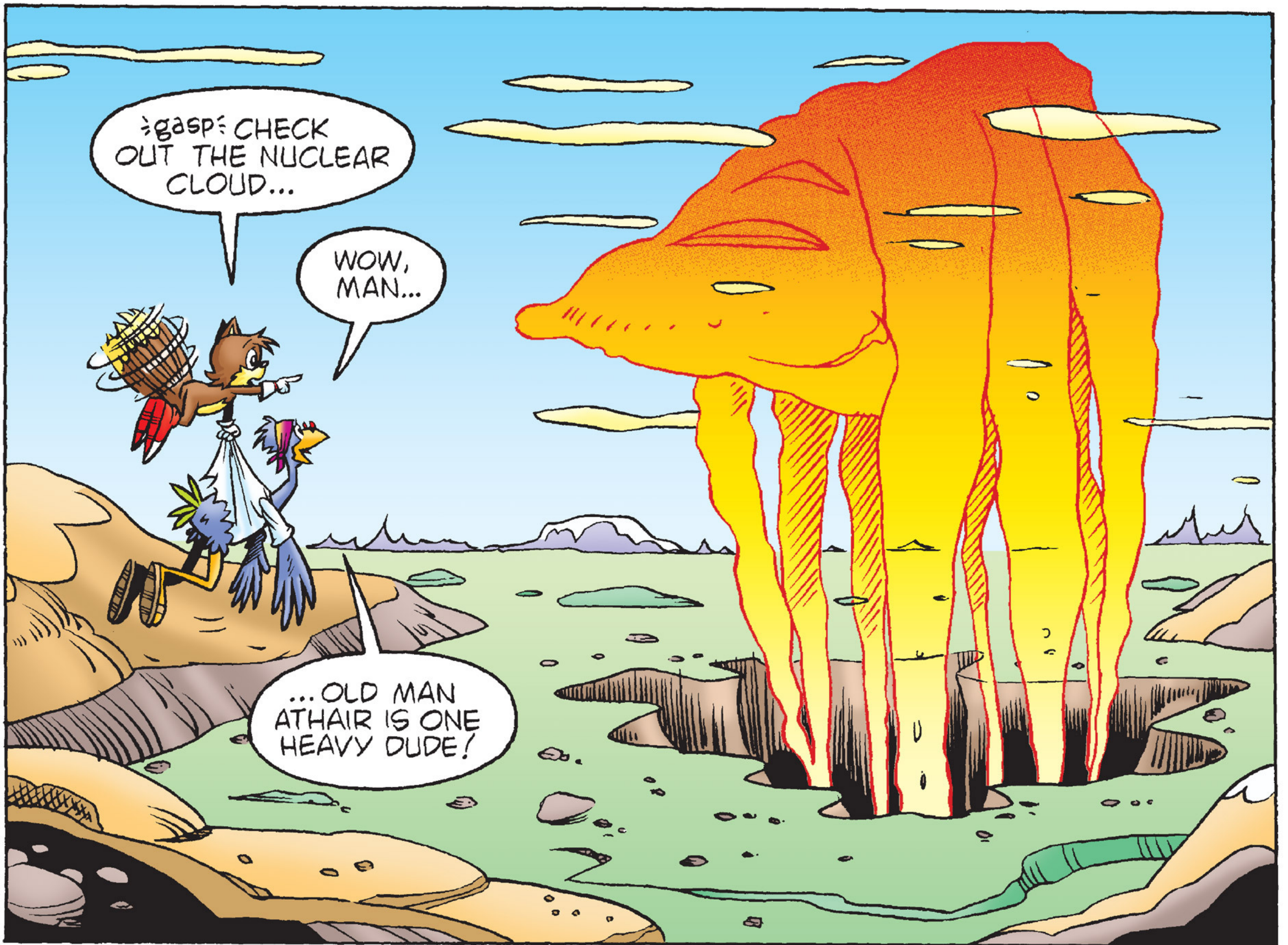


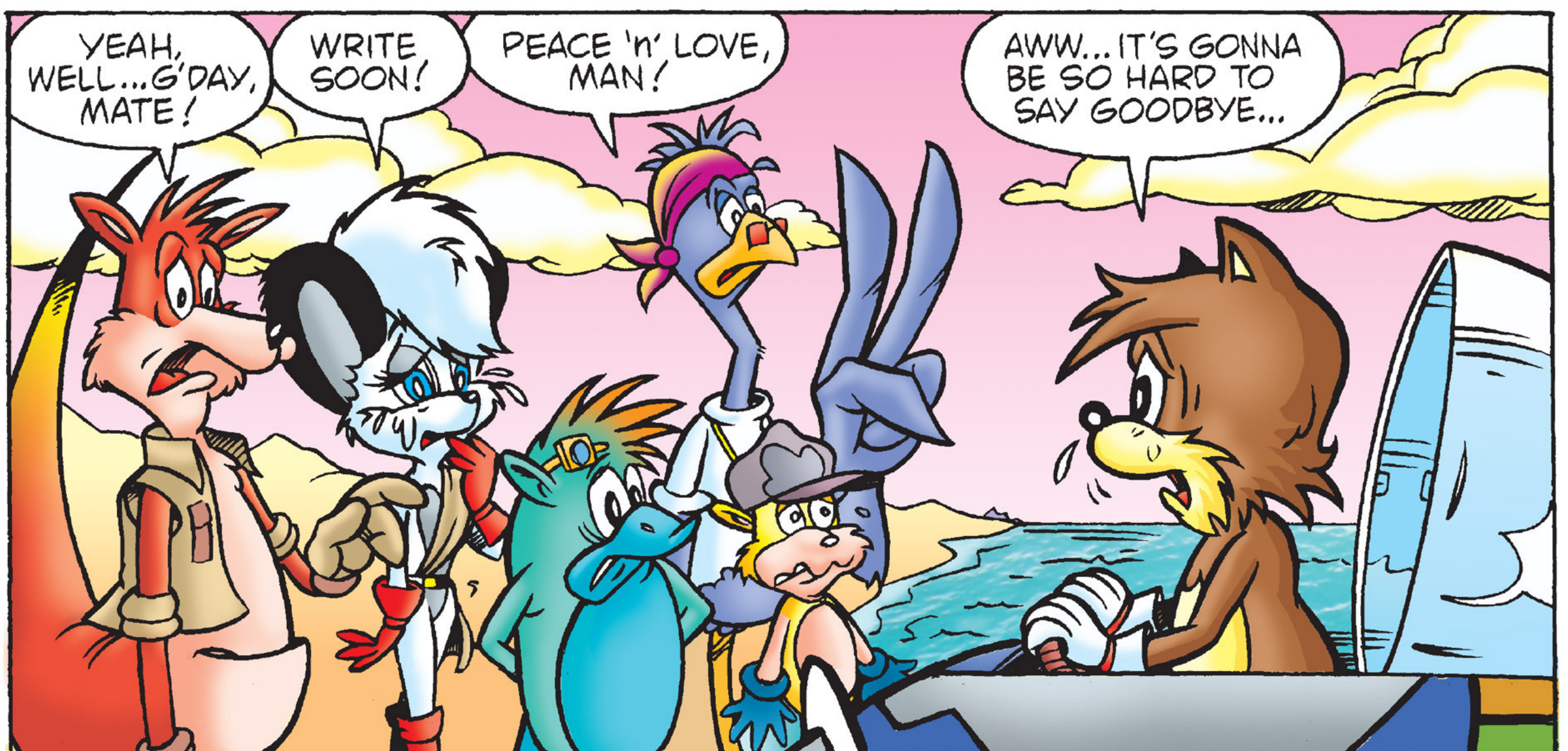
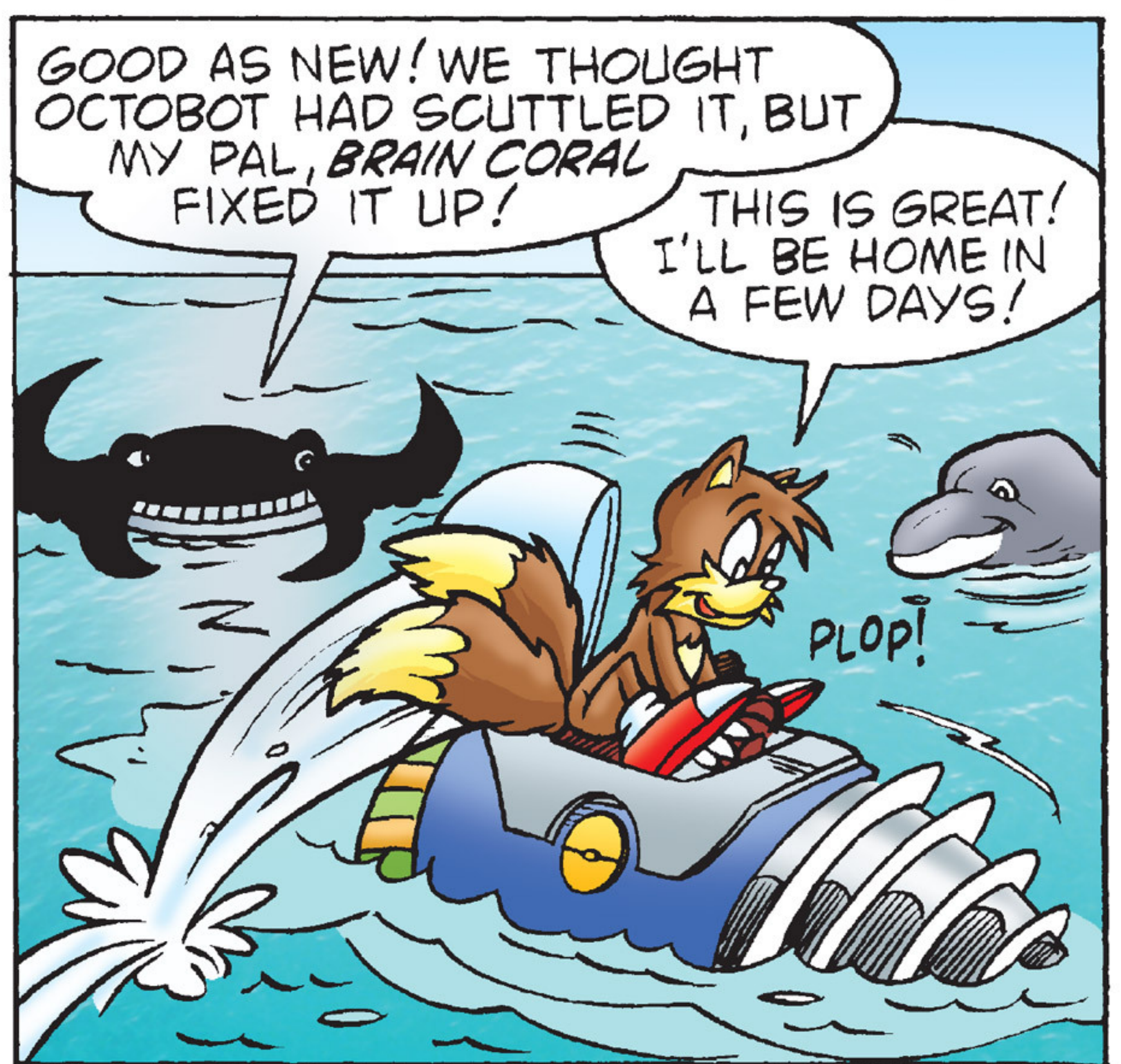
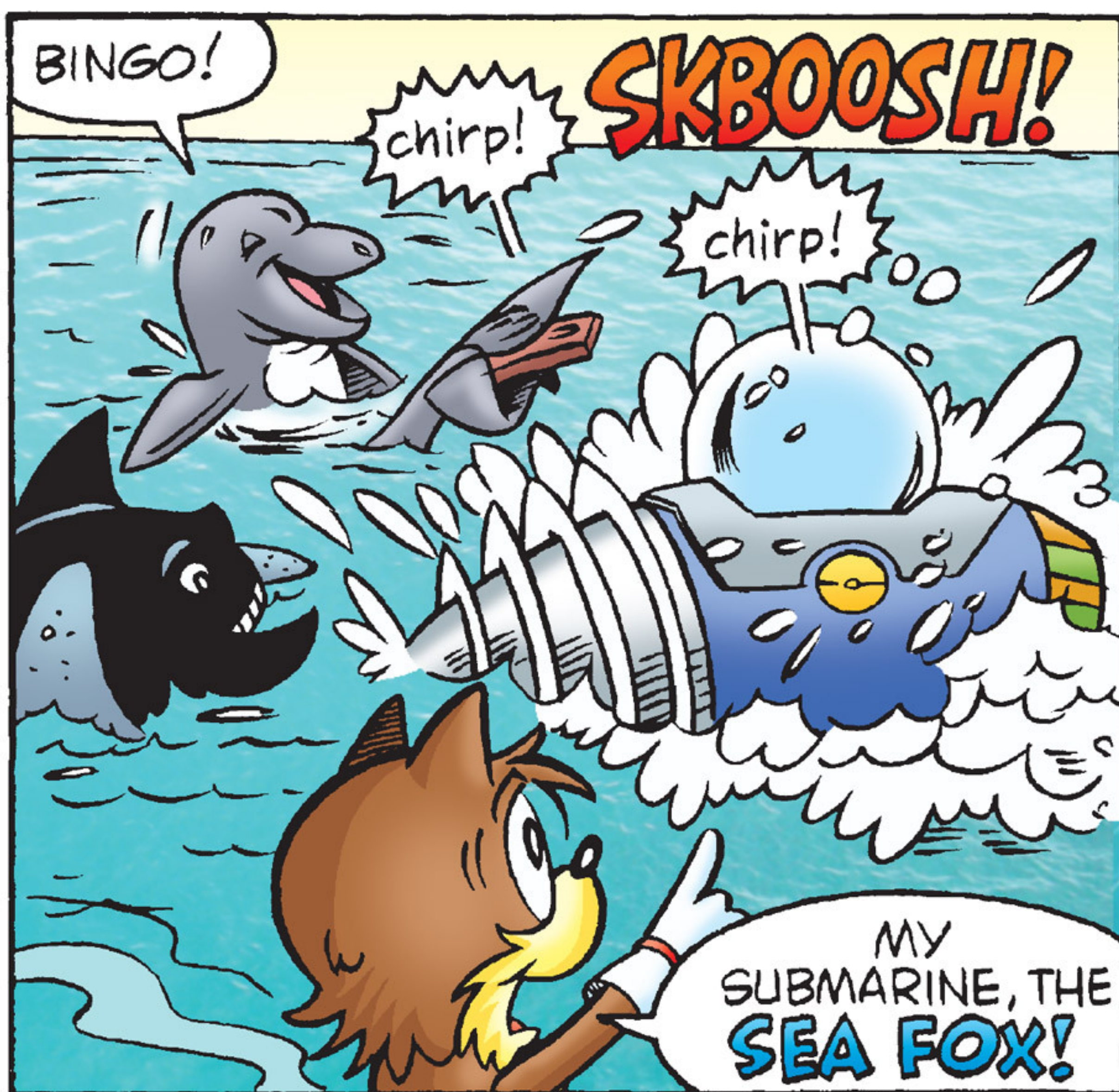
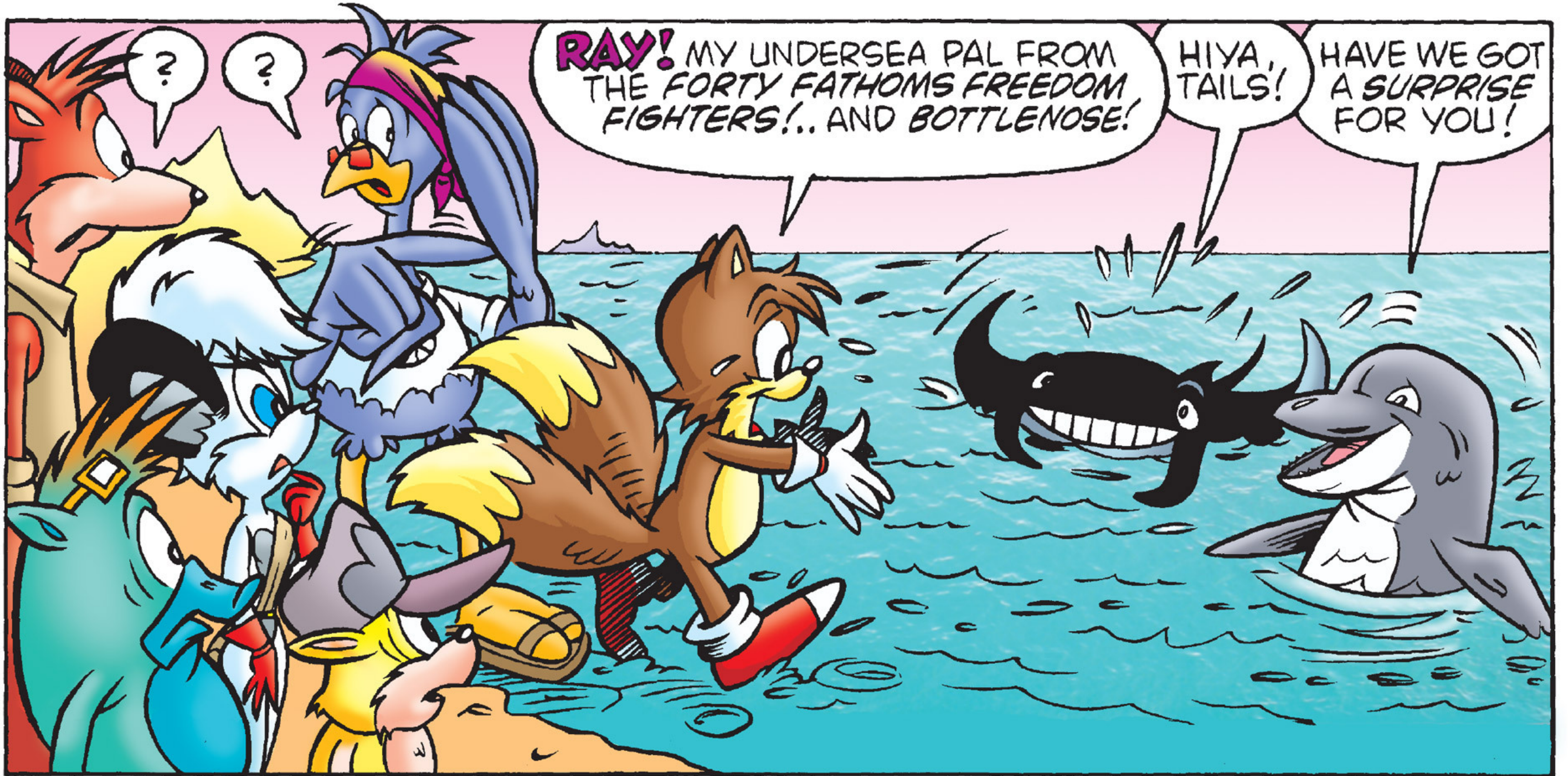




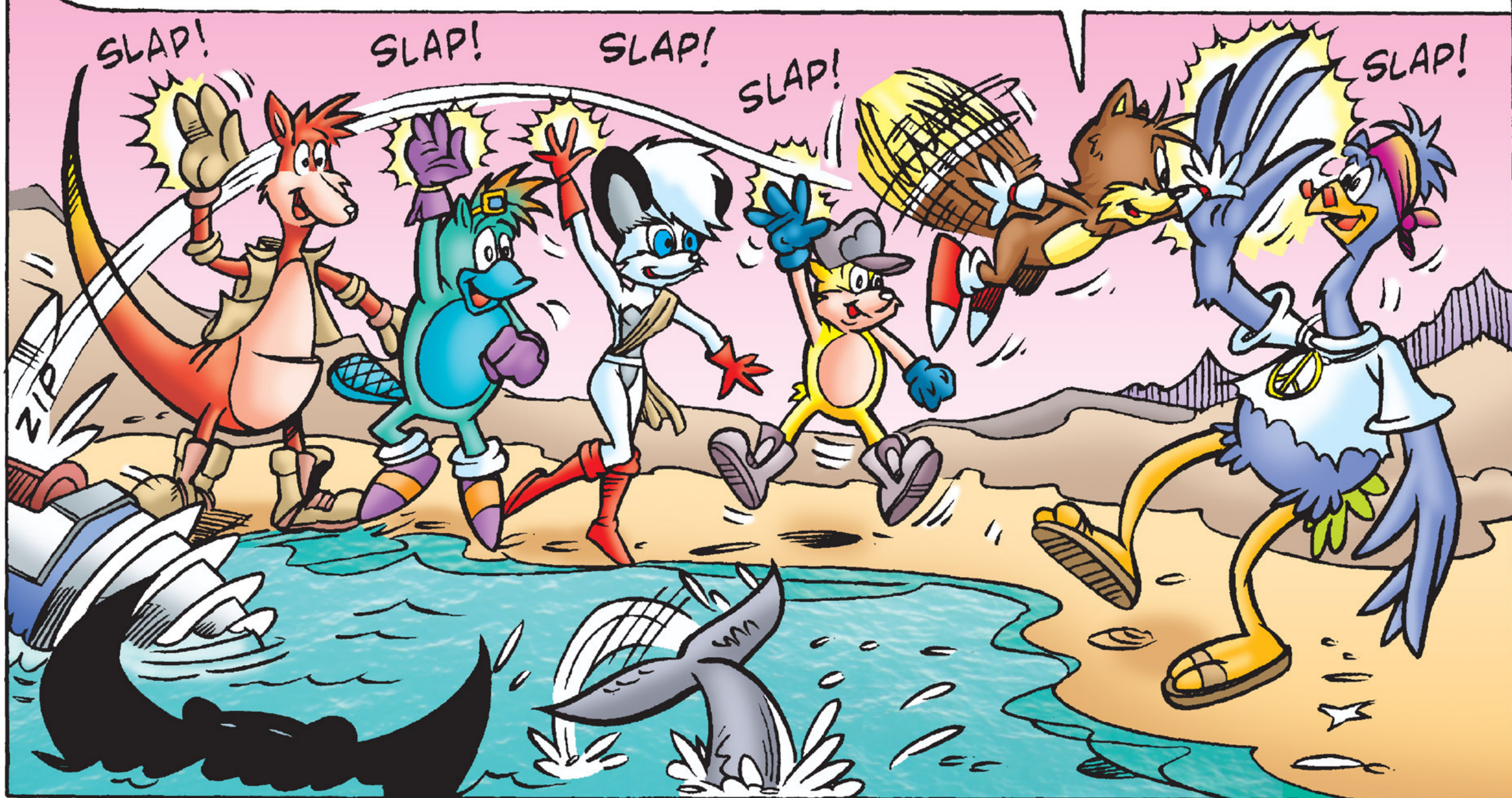








SO I'LL JUST SAY "SO LONG!" THANKS, EVERYONE...LET'S DO IT AGAIN SOMETIME!



I'LL TELL SONIC THE HEDGEHOG, PRINCESS SALLY AND THE OTHERS ALL ABOUT YOU GUYS...

THEY'LL BE GLAD TO KNOW THERE ARE FREEDOM FIGHTERS ALL OVER PLANET MOBIUS!

UNITED, WE SHALL NEVER BE DEFEATED!

